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EXPECT BIG CROWDS

MANY ARE EAGER TO HEAR PATRIOTIC SPEAKERS FRIDAY

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Mr. Trefz and Mrs. Hale Will Be Heard at Normal In Afternoon and at the Christian Church at Night

Large crowds are expected at both the patriotic meetings which will be held in Maryville tomorrow. Word from the surrounding towns and country indicate that many persons will come to hear the direct message from the trenches.

Dr. Edward F. Trefz, the principal speaker, is the former pastor of the First English Lutheran church of St. Joseph and personally known to many persons in Maryville and Nodaway county. Dr. Trefz was one of the six men sent abroad by the United States food administration to see conditions first hand so that he could tell the people about them and what the food needs are.

The speakers, Dr. Trefz and Mrs. Beatrice Forbes Robertson Hale, will arrive from St. Joseph at noon, direct from a big day at St. Joseph today. The plans in that city included a stupendous big patriotic meeting with attendants from every section of northwest Missouri and surrounding states. Both of the speakers are among the foremost workers in the cause of "behind the line" war work.

Loyalty Meetings Urged.

President Wilson has requested that loyalty meetings be held throughout the country during the month of March and this meeting in Maryville tomorrow is in keeping with the suggestive mandate. However, this is but one of hundreds of reasons why these methods are being used to awaken thousands to the necessity of helping to win the war. In order to do effective work citizens of this country must be united. To be united in effort they must know what the nation is fighting and why it is essential that every man, woman and child feel that it is his personal task to do all in his power to aid the armies in the fight against Germany.

Under the direction of F. P. Robinson, food administrator for this county, Miss Jessie Parcher, chairman of Woman's Work, and E. M. Claypool, secretary of the Council of National Defense, a program for the day has been outlined. It includes dinners at 12:30 o'clock, with Dr. Trefz and Mrs. Hale as guests. Under the auspices of the Commercial Club, and business and professional men of the city will be given opportunity to meet and listen to Dr. Trefz at the Rainum Hotel. Mrs. Hale will be present at a dinner by the ladies at the Linville Hotel.

Country People Invited.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a great meeting in the auditorium of the Normal school will be held. This session for the benefit of persons living in surrounding towns and throughout the county who might be unable to attend at night, as well as for persons who, for any reason, could not hear the speakers in the evening. Both Dr. Trefz and Mrs. Hale will speak.

Mrs. Hale will be at the high school at 3:20 in the afternoon to talk to school children about the war.

It is expected that the concluding meeting at the Christian church at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night will be in reality a climax and that the building will be crowded to overflowing. The message from France, England and other European countries will be well worth while.

Interesting programs for each of the meetings has been arranged. Music appropriate to the occasion will be in charge of Miss Helen Zenor at the Normal and Marcus T. Nielsen at the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Helzer of Graham visited yesterday and today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Key.

STAMP SALES REACH $104,000

Nodaway County Has Sold Nearly One Fifth Quota Allotted — The Boy Scouts Active In Campaign

Nodaway county folks are investing their money liberally in war saving and thrift stamps and with two months of the allotted time gone, Chairman G. L. Wilfley of the county war savings stamps committee has reported sales totaling $104,000. This sum represents nearly one-fifth of the quota of $566,000 allotted to be sold in Nodaway county during the present year. This leaves $462,000 worth of stamps to be sold in the remaining nine months.

Members of the Maryville Boy Scouts are now taking an active part in the campaign to sell stamps.

Five million red post cards have been printed by the government for the special use of the scouts. These are orders for the local postmaster to deliver savings stamps. The boys will take the orders for stamps, drop the signed cards in the mail box, and the post office will do the rest, or they will deliver the stamps themselves.

An ace medal, similar to the aviator's decoration, will be awarded scouts taking orders for $250, and palms will be given for each additional $100.

CAST HAS BEEN WELL CHOSEN

Each Member of "Fortune Hunter" Cast Selected Especially for the Part to be Represented

Those who will secure tickets to "The Fortune Hunter," to be given at the Empire Theatre next Wednesday night under the auspices of the young men of the Friendship class of the First M. E. church are promising an amateur performance of exceptional merit. The members of the cast have been doing good work in preparation for the play and have not been content with just speaking the lines, but have entered into the spirit of the play and of the different characters and give a fine interpretation of them. Director Marcus T. Nielsen says he believes it is the best amateur cast that has ever been gotten together here. The different parts have been assigned to the type of person intended by the author which insures a better interpretation of the play.

The high school orchestra is engaged in practicing special music for the occasion.

PLATTE WANTS GOOD ROADS

Another Northwest Missouri County Will Vote on Bond Issue March 29—Will Ask $1,400,000

With additional counties in northwest Missouri making arrangements to secure better roads under the federal and state aid laws, Nodaway will probably be ready to announce something definite in the way of a program within a short time.

Platte county, in addition to other counties previously mentioned in these columns, has decided on a road bond issue of $1,400,000 and a county-wide vote will be held on March 29.

Andrew and DeKalb counties had petitions ready to present to their respective county courts and it is learned that an announcement will be made this week of the date of the vote and amount of the issue determined on.

WOULD REMAIN IN MARYVILLE

Lincoln Five and Ten Cent Store Will Occupy New Building as Soon as It Is Rebuilt by the Owner

O. L. Holmes is in receipt of a communication from the Lincoln Stores Co., of Lincoln, Neb., owners of the five and ten cent store destroyed in the recent big fire, saying that they are anxious to remain in business in Maryville and asking to be advised when the building would be rebuilt, not desiring to take a lease on another building. Their lease on the building burned has still some time to run.

Mr. Holmes has not yet let the contract for a new building, but expects to do so within a very short time.

NEW RATE ON COAL

DEALERS WILL BE ALLOWED $1.50 PER TON PROFIT

IS EFFECTIVE MONDAY

Consumers Are Urged by County Fuel Head to Purchase Supplies for Next Winter Without Delay

J. J. Heifner, chairman of the fuel committee for Nodaway county, has been ordered by Wallace Crossley, chairman of the state fuel administration, to put a flat rate of $1.50 per ton gross profit on all coal shipped into Nodaway county.

This new order will go into effect Monday, March 11, 1918. Mr. Crossley says, "$1.00 per ton will cover the cost of doing business, including hauling. Under this basis of figuring it would be more reasonable and in line with the rest of the state to allow the retail dealers to charge not more than $1.50 per ton gross margin of profit. This will allow them fifty cents a ton and at the same time be sufficient to allow them to continue in business. The dealer will easily understand that by adding the mine price and the freight rate, no matter what that is, together with $1.50 per ton gross margin, the maximum price per ton at which coal can be sold at retail will be ascertained.

"From now on I would suggest," continues Mr. Crossley, in his instructions to Mr. Heifner, "that the dealers be urged to place their orders for coal wherever and whenever possible without help from the fuel administration, although we must urgently advise the storing of coal for next winter's needs.

"It is the intention of this office to issue licenses to all retail dealers in the state of Missouri, and for the non-observance of prices and regulations the dealer will be forced out of business. Better control of the situation must be had for next season and the dealer who cannot take care of his trade will not be considered worthy of a license."

Chairman Heifner says he is not ready today to say what the prices will be, but it will mean a reduction of from fifty cents to $1.00 per ton. Mr. Heifner says he will insist on those who are able to pay for a season's coal supply to supply their needs as soon as possible. "Not very many people realize the serious situation we have just passed through," he added, "and the probabilities are that next winter will be more serious than the past winter if we don't protect ourselves against the impending calamity."

Go to your dealer early and tell him how much coal you will need for the next season and have him deliver it without delay, is the advice of Chairman Heifner.

DEATH OF ELLEN KELLEY

Well Known Maryville Woman Dies at Her Home On East Third Street This Afternoon

Miss Ellen J. Kelley, one of the oldest residents of Maryville, died at her home, 308 East Third street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Kelley, who was 73 years old, had been confined to her bed since last Christmas and her death was not unexpected. She leaves a brother, John Kelley, besides other relatives who live at a distance. Mr. Kelley and his sister have been proprietors of the Maryville boarding house for a number of years. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

RESUME WORK ON BRIDGE

Steel for Structure Over 102 River and for Quitman Bridge Has Arrived — Fill Not Completed

Work was resumed today on the new bridge over the One Hundred and Two river at the pumping station following the arrival of steel and other material. Judge W. M. Blackford of the county court and Contractor W. W. Randall say the work will be pushed from now on until the new bridge is completed. The road on both sides of the bridge will also come in for attention as at present it is almost impassable, due to the fact that the fill has not been completed on account of bad weather.

Judge Blackford said this morning that an effort would be made to have the road on both sides of the bridge dragged, as no attention has been given it since it was graded last summer. The road east of the bridge, filled with sand last fall, has been allowed to remain without attention and the thaws and rains have made it almost as bad as it was before.

LAST GAME TOMORROW NIGHT

High School and King City Will Play the Last Scheduled Game of Season On Normal Court

The final basket ball game of the season in which a local team will be seen occurs tomorrow night when King City comes for a game with the Maryville high school quintet. There will be the championship tournament later in the month, but Maryville will not be represented. The lineup for tomorrow night's game will include the regular team: Puckett and Egley, forwards; Yehle, center; Kirby and Robison, guards. DeArmond and Price will be substitutes.

The game with King City on their court on February 22 resulted in a defeat for the M. H. S. five but it is claimed there were "adverse conditions" that could not be overcome. The high schools hope to return the drubbing given them.

ACCUSED MAIL ORDER FIRM

Sears, Roebuck & Co. Charged by the Trade Commission With Unfair Methods of Competition

Washington, March 7.—Complaint was issued today against Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, by the federal trade commission, charging unfair methods of competition in the conduct of its business.

The complaint summons the firm to answer a charge that it has advertised sugar for sale at three to four cents a pound, actually at a loss, but only upon condition that certain amounts of other groceries be purchased for which a sufficient price is charged to make a profit on the combined sale. The complaint further charges that Sears, Roebuck & Co., with the purpose of injuring competitors, has circulated catalogues representing the quality of merchandise sold by its competitors as inferior.

The complaint charged that the low price on sugar was made to lessen competition and create a monopoly.

A hearing was set for April 11.

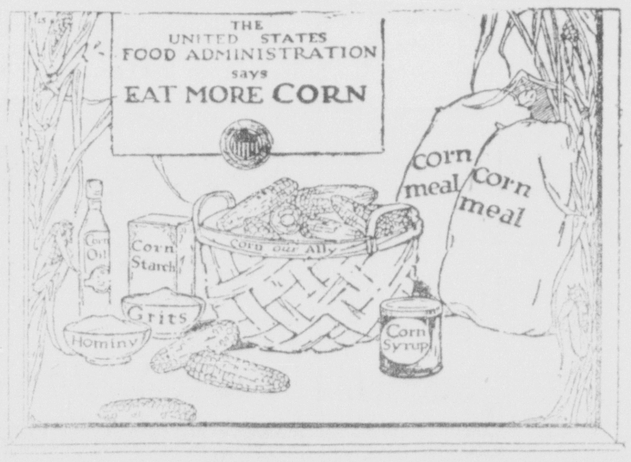
NAME DESTROYERS FOR HEROES

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, March 7.—The names of four American naval heroes, all rear admirals, will be given to the new United States destroyers, the navy department announces. Their names are Bedford, Boggs, Montgomery and Kiley.

GERMAN AIRMEN OVER FRANCE.

Paris, March 7. — German airmen dropped bombs upon districts north of Nacy during the night, but no victims have been reported to the war office.



THE TAX QUESTION

BELIEVED DECISION OF EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL STAND

CONTROVERSY NOT NEW

Governor Hadley Tried to Raise Needed Funds by Increased Assessment But the Resolution Met Defeat

Jefferson City, March 7.—The controversy now going on over the taxing of all kinds of property at cash value is not new in Missouri, although the state tax commission has brought it prominently before the people at this time. The first serious effort to follow out the strict requirements of the law was in 1909 when Herbert S. Hadley was governor and chairman of the state board of equalization. He offered a resolution that the board fix the true value in money of each class of property and that in cases where county assessments were low the board raise the assessment and equalize the property values in all counties in the state.

Governor Hadley and State Treasurer James Cowgill voted for the resolution, but it was defeated by the vote of Cornelius Roach, E. W. Major and John P. Gordon. Roach is now chairman of the state tax commission. From the time the resolution was defeated until the present tax commission law became operative last summer no attempt was made to change the old method of assessments.

The tax commission law itself was partly responsible for the present effort to put values of all classes of property up to a figure where the law many years ago said they should be assessed. Another reason was that Governor Gardner found the state in debt more than $2,500,000 when he became chief executive and determined that this state of affairs must be cured.

The governor now is confronted with several serious propositions. It is not known if another member of the board can be depended upon to indorse the recommendations of the tax commission. The indications point to the probability that three of the five members of the board and probably four, will stand out against the governor. A long line of decisions by the supreme court indicate that the state board of equalization is supreme and unless corruption could be proved against the members in fixing values the decision of the board will stand.

WILSON WINS FIRST ROUND

Senate Committee On Reorganization Decides to Ask Cabinet Members to Express Views

Washington, March 7.—In the first test of strength on the Overman bill granting the president broad powers in the reorganization of the war government the administration forces in the senate scored a victory this afternoon and by a vote of ten to seven the committee rejected the motion to call upon the cabinet members for a statement of their views on the proposed reorganization.

At the request of the administration the senate appropriations committee this afternoon voted into the billion dollars urgent deficiency bill an amendment designed to completely divorce German interests from ownership of property in the United States. The committee decided to grant the custodian of alien property authority to sell all German-owned property under his jurisdiction.

LIVE WIRE KILLS THREE.

Providence, Ky., March 7.—Three children were instantly killed on their way to school today while coming in contact with a live wire.

Barber Shop—209 E. Third
SHAVE— 15c
HAIR CUT 25c
every day in the week.
STEPHEN VILES.

NOTICE OF TELEPHONE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peoples Telephone Union will be held at the Court House in Maryville on Saturday, March 9, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

E. F. HAMLIN, Secy.
A. H. HUGHES, Pres.

HEALTH CONDITIONS BETTER

There Were Fewer Deaths at Training Camps Last Week, Says Report —Pneumonia Exacts Highest Toll

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, March 7. — Continued improvement in the health of the soldiers in training camps is shown by the surgeon's report for the week ending March 1. There was a total of one hundred and fifty-three deaths against one hundred and sixty-four the preceding week. Pneumonia continues to exact the highest death toll. The life underwriting section of the bureau of war risk insurance has grown to be the largest insurance company in the world. More than 12 billion dollars already has been written on the lives of American soldiers, sailors and nurses.

A WAR BALLOON PASSES OVER

Crowds Watch Big Gas Bag as It Drifted Past On Its Way South Shortly After Noon Today

A big war balloon, evidently from the Fort Omaha training station, passed just west of Maryville at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon traveling swiftly in a southeasterly direction. The big gas bag was in sight for more than an hour and thousands watched its progress. Persons with glasses saw two occupants of the basket which hung below the bag, both in the uniform of American soldiers. The American flag was flying from both sides of the basket. The baloon was traveling at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and going at the rate of approximately twenty-five miles an hour.

IN SECOND DRAFT 800,000

But No New Divisions Will Be Formed This Year—No Large Number Until After Harvest

Washington, March 7.—While a large number of men will be called out the present year to fill the army and complete its organization, it is learned that War Department plans do not call for the creation of any additional divisions in 1918.

The announcement concerning the second draft expected soon from Provost Marshal General Crowder may outline the manner in which less than 1 million men—probably not much in excess of 800,000—are to be summoned gradually in the year to complete the existing organizations. Delay in announcement as to the next draft is understood to be due to uncertainty as to which method of alloting quotas to the states is to be followed. The Senate has passed and the House military committee has favorably reported an amendment to base the quota on the number of men in Class 1 instead of upon the total registration of a state.

"As to the date of the second draft members of congress from agricultural sections have been practically assured no withdrawal of men from civil life was contemplated which would embarrass harvesting.

HUNT AUTO THIEVES NOW.

Fayetteville, Ark., March 7.—Horse stealing having been reduced to a minimum, members of the anti-horse thief association of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, at their convention here today made plans to devote their future efforts to capturing automobile thieves.

Mrs. Marvin Peery was a guest yesterday of Mrs. Wilbur Smith of Pickering.

HUNS TAKE ODESSA

WILL OCCUPY CHIEF PORT ON THE BLACK SEA

RUMANIAN PEACE TERMS

Exodus From Petrograd Has Begun as German Army Advances — Railroads Unable to Handle Crowds

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—That Germany plans to occupy Odessa, the chief Ukranian port on the Black Sea, is revealed today by the terms of the preliminary peace agreement effected between the Central Powers and Rumania. One of the terms of the pact was that Rumania shall give all necessary aid to the Central Powers transporting troops through Moldavia and Beshabia to Odessa.

Following are the terms of the preliminary peace treaty:

1. Rumania cedes to the Central Allied powers Dobrudja as far as the Danube.

2. The powers of the Quadruple Alliance will provide and maintain a trade route for Rumania by way of Constanza to the Black Sea.

3. The frontier rectifications demanded by Austria-Hungary on the frontier between Austria-Hungary and Rumania are accepted in principle by Rumania.

4. Likewise economic measures corresponding to the situation are conceded in principle.

5. The Rumanian government undertakes to demobilize immediately at least eight divisions of the Rumanian army. Control of the demobilization will be undertaken jointly by the upper command of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army group and of the Rumanian chief army command. As soon as peace is restored between Russia and Rumania the remaining parts of the Rumanian army also will be demobilized in so far as they are not required for security service on the Russo-Rumanian frontier.

6. The Rumanian troops are to evacuate immediately the territory of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy occupied by them.

7. The Rumanian government undertakes to support with all its strength the transport of troops of the Central Powers through Moldavia and Bessarabia to Odessa.

8. Rumania undertakes immediately to dismiss the officers of the powers who are at war with the Quadruple Alliance still in the Rumanian service. The safe conduct of the officers is assured by the Quadruple Alliance. This treaty enters into operation immediately.

Copenhagen, Mar. 7. — There is a heavy exodus of all classes from Petrograd towards Moscow and the railway lines are congested to the point of suffication, said a Petrograd dispatch today. The dispatch said that the city was full of rumors and it is reported the Germans have renewed their advance towards the capital, while another is that the Bolsheviki

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THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Friday probably unsettled.

Furniture Sale

Saturday, March 9th, at 2 o'Clock

At residence, 215 West 5th—1½ blocks west of Post Office.

As we are moving to a smaller house, we will sell some surplus furniture, including—Buffet, Bed, Mattress and Springs, Oil Stove, Child's Bed and Mattress, Rocking Chairs, Dresser and Washstand, and considerable other stuff.

MARION F. SMITH.

Braniger, Auctioneer.

Remember, at 2 o'clock 1½ blocks west of post office.

Basket Ball——

Maryville High School
vs.
King City High School

Normal Gym—Friday, March 15

This is Maryville's Last Game

Game Starts 7:30 p. m. Admission 25 cents

Feature Tonight
Empire Theatre
Show begins at 7:30
28 cents and 39 cents

Paramount Pictures for the benefit of
NODAWAY COUNTY RED CROSS CHAPTER
MARY PICKFORD
"America's Sweetheart," the idol of the Screen, in the Classic for
1 dand young—
REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM
Adated from the famous book and play.

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FOR CITY MARSHAL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for city marshal of Maryville, subject to the action of the voters at the April city election.

E. E. TILTON.

FOR MARSHAL.

Mike Liston hereby announces that he will be a candidate for the nomination of marshal of Maryville, Mo., subject to the decision of the voters at the April city election.

FOR CITY MARSHAL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for city marshal of Maryville, subject to the action of the voters at the April city election.

PURL EDWARDS.

Forum-ettes

The old sports who thought they were going to be mighty popular with the girls when the young men went away to war have another think coming.

Some of the married men we know could be drafted without being missed at home much.

And speaking of bait, what a devil of a time some of the boys will have on Bevo and prune juice when they go fishing over on the Nodaway.

A Nodaway county farmer says he is doing his bit—he's raising a crop of whiskers. That's what lots of us will be doing since the price of shaves has gone up.

We can give up our wheat,
We can give up our meat,
We can save food with the will of a miser;
We can give up some heat,
We can cut down on sweet,
If it'll help put a crimp in the kaiser.

We predict there won't be much fishing this year. The high price of bait is almost prohibitive.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning" might serve the weather man as a form of cold wave warning, and besides, it sounds patriotic.

It is suggested that this spring's graduating class discard the old motto "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," for "Kill the Huns—Berlin or Bust."

When a man is willing to work his fool head off to get money to buy a lot of fool things some girl wants, he may be said to be in love.

Too Many Prunes.

Portland, Ore., March 7. — Prune growers say that before the war closed the market the chief buyer of northwestern and California prunes was Hamburg, Germany. Now, with the market closed, the growers are trying to find other markets to take care of the big surplus of the crop that boarding house residents will not eat.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

WE'LL HELP TO WHIP THE KAISER IF WE ALL EAT CORN

(U. S. Corn Song)
Tune—"Turkey In the Straw"
(By J. S. Ramey, Salida, Colo.)

EVERYBODY SING

We'll not be slackers even tho
We're not allowed to fight;
Account of age or flaws, you know,
We're not considered right.
Says our Uncle Sam, adviser,
"Just as sure as you are born,
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN."

CHORUS

Hoe cake and Johnny cake,
There is no finer bread;
Pone cake (the kind you bake),
Who'd need a better spread?
Mush, an appetizer,
Fry for breakfast in the morn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

"John Barleycorn" (gay beverages)
He says to "let alone",
All other mealy relishes
Have in his favor grown;
It will make us all the wiser,
And our bones with flesh adorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

CHORUS

Now over there they need the wheat;
What matters that to us?
We'll "do our bit" to save defeat
And stop this awful fuss;
Every hoarding flour miser
Most decidedly we'll scorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

CHORUS

We'll practice Hooverism,
Until victory is won;
'Tho we'd swap our rheumatism
For the trenches and a gun;
Still, a wheatless advertiser
Needn't be at all forlorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

CHORUS

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Loyalty in Little Things.

The whole great problem of winning the war rests primarily on one thing: the loyalty and sacrifice of the American people in the matter of food. If we are selfish, or even careless, we are disloyal; we are the enemy at home. Now is the hour of our testing.

TO-DAY

Editorial Notes by Arthur Brisbane

Hiram Johnson of California may not know it, but his speech on government ownership of railroads in the senate opens officially the presidential campaign of 1920.

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Whoever has any interest in the 1920 presidential band wagon will do well to climb aboard NOW and sit on the government ownership plank.

Government ownership of railroads —and government ownership of many other things—is THE issue in the United States. There isn't any other, and whoever fails to see it is gone politically.

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California is a long way from the east, where presidential nominations and elections are supposed to be controlled. But such a speech as Johnson made in the senate brings California close to every man in the United States.

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Ambitious statesmen of all stripes, take notice.

There is a real issue before the American people—ownership by the people of natural monopolies that derive all their value from the people.

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That issue will not be lost amid all the patriotism and profiteering of the war. Johnson of California is in a position where he can take care of that, and he will do it.

A bulldog hanging to a root gives a good imitation of Johnson when he is interested.

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Concerning overpaying of the railroads. Johnson compared the treatment that the country gives the man drafted in the army, where he may be shot, with the treatment that the country purposes to give the railroads that are to be rebuilt at the public expense. This is the kind of question Johnson asks—not easy for railroad gentlemen to answer:

"Where is the man who would have suggested that we pay the men we are to send to the trenches a sum equal to the average of their last three years' earnings? He would have been laughed to scorn on this floor."

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Johnson went on to say that eight per cent would be guaranteed on the railroad stocks and bonds, 50 per cent of which represented nothing but water.

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The American dentist of the German emperor comes home with a pass across the frontier that the emperor signed.

He says that the food situation in Germany is not as bad as has been reported. Possibly kaiser dentists are fed better than the average.

In Austria conditions are desperately bad. The best ray of peace hope is there.

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"Why don't they rebel? How soon will they rebel?" the world asks, reading that men and women starve in Austria.

STRENGTH rebels, not weakness. The starving are weak. It is easier for them to lie down and die than fight.

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In France once the people were so miserably poor that laws were passed forbidding survivors to eat the bodies of those that died of the plague.

The French revolution did not start with men and women tempted in their misery to eat dead human bodies.

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The France that rebelled was comparatively modern Paris, eating wheat, drinking red wine, with iron in the blood and thought in the brain.

The well fed, educated, intelligent descendants of the illegitimate sons of French noblemen that had used their "droit du seigneur," overthrew government by royalty, nobility and clergy.

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The Prussian gentlemen are enjoying a rabbit drive in Russia—the Bolsheviki being the rabbits.

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Fashionable English schools are increasing hours of sleep and cutting down lessons for the boys—because their food rations are cut.

This may enlighten those who wonder that "the poor do not do better." The brain gets its force from blood manufactured in the stomach with good food.

We give free education because we hold in horror a starved brain.

A brain starves for lack of food as well as for lack of knowledge. Without food it cannot receive or digest knowledge.

We learn from England that strong boys, carefully brought up, when their food rations are slightly cut, must have more sleep and less study. We may also learn that it would pay this country to feed the poorer school children in big cities—50 per cent of them badly or ignorantly fed.

LIVE NEWS ABOUT LIVE PLAYERS

The second of the Tom Sawyer stories which will immortalize Mark Twain has been done for the screen by Paramount under the name of "Huck and Tom," with Jack Pickford in the leading role. The very spirit of youth and fun and American boyhood is to be found in every scene of the production.

Alicia Ramsey's well known play, "Eve's Daughter," which served as one of Grace George's best productions, has been visualized for the screen by Paramount with Billie Burke in the leading character. James Kirkwood, who was Mary Pickford's leading man years ago, directed the picture.

J. Stuart Blackton, who is producing pictures for Paramount, is on the verge of bringing about a real reform in one phase of pictures which has been given comparatively little attention before this time—the subtitles. "To my mind," he says, "they are as important as the settings in the pictures and since every possible artistic adjunct is utilized to obtain effective properties for scenes, so should every possible adjunct be utilized to remedy the present conditions of subtitles." In his next pictures Mr. Blackton will paint many of his own titles and supervise all other in his attempt to elevate them to the nth degree.

"Camouflage"—what it is and what it does—is strikingly visualized in the latest Paramount-Bray Pictographs, the magazine-on-the-screen. This magazine also shows the interesting stunts of the human polar bears that are infesting Brighton Beach and how the magician does his tricks.

Ann Little, leading woman for Wallace Reid and Donald Crisp, the well known director, have deserted the east and have gone to Hollywood studios to make future Paramount pictures. Crisp married Marie Stark prior to his trip and combined business with his honeymoon.

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Bedford creamery butter, per lb	50c
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Calif. white cooking figs, (need no sugar), 2 lbs	25c
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Quart cans Golden pumpkin, 2 for	25c
Milk hominy, 2 cans	25c
Jonathan apples, box	$1.90
Choice cooking apples, peck	45c
Sugar corn, No. 2 cans	10c
No. 2 cans best tomatoes	9c
No. 3 cans best tomatoes	14c
No. 1 tall cans Chum salmon	17c
New lake fish, pails 6lbs net	90c
New lake fish, pails 8lbs net	$1.00
70 lb sacks kiln dried salt	95c
No. 1 Michigan salt, large bbl	$2.70
7 lbs parsnips	25c
Large grape fruit, 3 for	25c
Apple butter, 2 glass jars	15c
Apple butter, Mason fruit jar	20c
Puffed wheat, rice and corn, 2 pkgs	25c
Shredded wheat biscuit, 2 for	25c
Calif. ripe olives, pint can	25c
Van Camp's spaghetti (ready), per can	15c and 20c
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Tuna fish, medium cans, light and dark meat, 2 for	25c
Tuna fish, large cans, light and dark meat, each	18c

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"It Pays to Exercise" will be the next Paramount Mack Sennett, in which the "hundred beauties" for which Sennett comedies are noted will display their talents.

Charles Ray has been given a role that teems with romance and is replete with sensationalism for his next Paramount picture, "The Family Skeleton." Sylvia Bremer will be his new leading lady in this picture.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

Patriotic Alien Enemy.

Fond du Lac, Wis., March 7.—Although he has four sons now in the United States army, August Norenberg of Eden is a German alien enemy. He did not discover that fact until after the time for the registration of alien enemies had expired. Federal officials have promised to try and aid Norenberg in his present trouble, as they say his loyalty to America is unquestioned.

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It will wear better than the ordinary shoe because it is made from leather that has been tanned twice which gives it more strength.

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G. Dunkelman

OVER GRAHAM'S.

DISCHARGED BIRDMAN HIT GROUND TOO HARD

Great Lakes, Ill., March 7.—Albert John Lindauer of Chicago applied at the Great Lakes naval training station for enlistment as a naval aviator.

"What experience have you had?" he was asked.

"Five months in the army aviation section," he said.

"Why did you quit?"

"I was discharged. I made five ascents and broke five machines in lighting. I hit the ground too hard each time."

Albert was accepted, but he was rated a second-class seaman, where he may break all the "swabs" he wants to massaging decks.

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Cost of Living Paris Increases 100 per cent in Last Six Months

PRICES ARE THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN IN 1914 — AMERICANS FORMING LARGEST PROPORTION OF ALL FOREIGNERS IN FRANCE SUFFER CHIEFLY FROM THE CONSTANTLY AUGMENTING COST

(By Henry G. Wales)

Paris, March 7.—The cost of living in Paris has increased as much in the last six months as it advanced in the entire first three years of the war. Between August, 1914, and the end of the summer of 1917 the rise in prices of commodities amounted to considerably more than 100 per cent on an average. And since September 1 last, prices have practically doubled again.

Foreigners are, of course, hardest hit by the rapidly climbing prices, as their habits and customs are different from those of the French, while the mode of normal life is formulated for the natives. And since Americans form the biggest proportion of all foreigners in France, it is the citizens of the United States who suffer chiefly from the constantly augmenting cost of living.

With all enemy aliens interned as prisoners of war or in concentration camps, with a large proportion of friendly aliens sent to their native countries or incorporated in the French army, and with few neutrals permitted to enter and remain in the country, France is left pretty much to the French and to Americans. This applies to civilians, of course, as many officers and men of the various Allied armies are continually in Paris, and it is largely due to their presence that prices have mounted skyward so steadily.

The pinch of boosted prices is not felt so keenly by the French civil population for the reason that they are "at home" and their likes and dislikes are catered to as a matter of course, whereas the demands of foreigners are regarded as luxuries and taxed and controlled as such.

Further, almost every French household has some member of the family mobilized, and in a great percentage of families no rent has been paid since the beginning of the war, no water tax, no gas bills and no electricity. Pensions and separation allowances are paid to a staggering number of persons by the government, and the dependents of mobilized men come first in the distribution of coal, flour, sugar and other standard commodities.

Never forgetting that the population has been under a tremendous strain for the last three and one-half years, the government always looks out first for the poor, as, for example, last winter when, during the bitter freezing spell the rich could not buy fuel for love nor money, coal and wood were distributed free by soldiers in army motor trucks in the poor quarters.

Nearly all of the Americans living in Paris dwell in hotels or small apartments. Owing to the demand for girls and women in munition factories it is hard for them to keep servants, and for that reason nearly all that have apartments eat in restaurants. They consider themselves lucky if they can prevail on the concierge of the building—a sort of glorified janitor—to make up their beds and clean the rooms during the day.

With so many refugees crowded in the city, and with the innumerable staff officers and clerks of a dozen Allied armies quartered here, it is exceedingly difficult to find a small apartment at any price. During the first year or two of the war apartments could be had for nothing—many people who decamped when the Germans were nearing Paris in the first weeks of the war were glad to have responsible persons occupy their rooms until they returned.

One can find large apartments here today for rather less than they fetched before the war—eight and ten-room places—but even these are gradually being taken up by groups of officers clubbing together and renting the places as a joint home and club.

A tiny apartment of one room and an alcove bedroom and perhaps a mediocre bathroom cannot be had for less than 300 francs a month, ten a day, if there is any heat at all in the place. And such places are not in the center of the city.

As soon as one gets away from the opera quarter he must reckon a handsome percentage above his rent for taxicab fares. The underground system stops running at half past eleven, after the theatres have closed, and the street cars—what few lines there are—generally stop an hour earlier.

Although the "Metro" system—the subway—covers Paris well, it is only when riding on direct lines that one can make good time. When it is necessary to change from one line to another much time is lost because the stations are usually separated by endless corridors, like the one leading from the Hudson Tube to the Erie railroad station in Jersey City.

There are no more "red flag taxis" in Paris now. The machines carrying the red flag were about 33 per cent cheaper than the white flag autos until a year ago, when all rates were boosted to the white flag standard. Drivers refused to accept fares unless promised in advance a tip which practically equals the amount registered on the meter. For instance, on a one franc and a half ride, the chauffeur insists on a one franc tip, and if the meter reads two francs seventy-five centimes, he will refuse to give change out of a five-franc note.

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Remember the Tebow Sale next Saturday, March 9.

What's the Matter, Kaiser William?

(Mrs. Geo. Reynolds)

I see by the paper the Kaiser
Has been having a talk with his friend,
But why he should bother old Satan
Is more than I comprehend.

We all know that Satan has taught him
All he has ever known,
Ever since the Kaiser wore dresses
Until Kaiser William was grown.

Then one day his education was finished,
He graduated in all kinds of sin;
And practice makes perfect they tell us—
He surely has practiced with vim.

He was bragging how well he was doing
With the Hell he's been running on earth;
But it seems Woodrow Wilson has scared him,
He is frightened for all he is worth.

He has always seemed so courageous;
Such horrible things he could do,
Even to women and children—
Too terrible to be true.

Not long ago he was talking,
Was giving advice to his Gott
And told him that he would run heaven
If Gott didn't mind on the spot.

And then he forgot how Almighty,
He's always been here on the earth;
How his Gott and him dwelled together
Ever since the day of his birth.

And now he runs to old Satan
To tell him what he should do,
But Satan just says you can beat me,
So I'll give my job to you.

When the Yanks get through with you, Billy;
If there's anything left of you, well
Just come to me then and I'll help you,
I'll give you my job here in Hell.

I ne'er thought the Kaiser a coward,
I sure thought him a brave man;
But why he should lose his courage
Is something I can't understand.

No Substitutes In Religious Bread.

Columbia, March 7.—Bread made to be used in the observance of religious rites may be manufactured without substitutes if such religious rites require the use of all-wheat bread, F. B. Mumford, federal food administrator for Missouri has announced. Mr. Mumford also announced that boarding houses are included in "hotel restaurants and eating places" in the president's proclamation of November 7 and January 20, and boarding house proprietors must obtain a license if they use three or more barrels of flour a month.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

A neglected cold in a child's head often leads to chronic catarrh and catarrhal deafness—stunting children's mental growth, making them appear stupid.

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It Is Predicted That Within a Year Millers Will Be Forced to Use Other Grains

It is predicted that within less than a year from now practically no white flour will be milled in this country.

A flour containing a larger per cent of the grain will take its place—much to the advantage of the American people. Even at the present time we are becoming accustomed to much less white wheat flour than we have previously used in our bread-making. The necessity of saving wheat for the use of our Allies has brought about this change. At the same time the manufacture and introduction of small hand grist mills is helping to make the use of whole ground grains more popular. By this method a wheat flour can be produced which has practically the same composition as the wheat grain itself.

Besides making necessary the use of wheat flours containing a large percentage of the wheat grain, the present and prospective shortages of wheat products makes the extended use of other cereal grains a patriotic duty. There are many tempting and delicious varieties of dark bread, all more healthful and satisfying than the white breads. By using rye, corn meal and oats we shall be able to effect a large saving.

Buy your Jonathan apples at Stapler's Meat Market Saturday. Brint Embree, Hanamo 3F. 6-8*

SUGAR TO BE ONE OF LAST ITEMS OF RATIONING.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Mar. 7.—Sugar will be one of the last items on the food list to feel the effect of any rationing programme. Food Administrator Hoover says of it:

"Sugar in household use is a product of 100 years culinary experience. It makes palatable a number of other food commodities which otherwise would not be palatable. It has very little greater food value than flour. But it has a great culinary value, and it would be a disaster to decrease its domestic consumption if it can be avoided."

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NEW MEN TO MEDICAL UNITS

Those In Last Quotas Will Be Assigned to Ambulance and Field Hospital Companies at Ft. Riley

Camp Funston, March 7. — Drafted men from Missouri and other states who arrive this week will not be sent to the detention camp or Camp Funston. They will go to Fort Riley, where they will be assigned to medical units.

There will be about 3,900 men who will be made up into ambulance companies, field hospital companies and other medical units. It is not known whether these men will be assigned later to the 89th Division.

Every regular train is bringing in recruits, and there are several special trains each day. Saturday will end the incoming of the last men of the first draft.

Another License Is Gone.

Columbia, March 7.—Refusal to accept two carloads of beans because of adverse market conditions has caused the R. D. Otter company of Louisville, Ky., to lose its food license.

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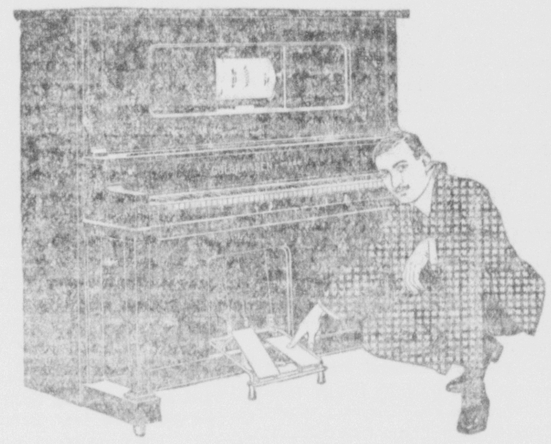
Gulbransen Entertainment Week

March 4 to 9, 1918



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While we shall give a Musical Entertainment every day during Gulbransen Entertainment Week, for the purpose of showing how "Easy to Play" the famous Gulbransen Player Piano is, the program of New Popular Songs on Saturday, March 9, will be of especial interest to many—perhaps to you! Admission will be free. Frank Schumacher, our own "Jass King," will sing. Come and join in the chorus! Hear all these ,and others:

—Somewhere in France is a Lily
—So Long, Mother
—Sunshine of Your Smile
—Siren's Song
—Keep the Home Fires Burning
—Mammy's Lullaby
—I'm Sorry I Made You Cry
—Homeward Bound
—Where Do We Go From Here?
—I Don't Want to Get Well
—Over There
—Say a Prayer for the Boys

Owing to the limited seating capacity of our salerooms, please write now and reserve your seats. See the Window Demonstration of the Gulbransen Player Pianos at noon.

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A New Firm of Blacksmiths

This will announce to the public of Nodaway county the forming of the co-partnership of Bramble & Wiles, both of whom have been well known for years as first-class blacksmiths.

The firm will occupy the shop known as Geo. Bramble's, and will do all classes of blacksmithing, horse shoeing, plow and implement repair work, welding, etc.

To the old customers of both of these men, we ask a continuance of their trade, and to new patrons we assure the very best work that years of experience and complete equipment can produce.

Bramble & Wiles
East Third Street, Maryville.

Soldier Boys At Army Training Campr Are "Hitting the Trail"

RECORDS OF THE RED TRIANGLE SHOW THAT AT CAMP FUNSTON IN JANUARY, 1,058 MEN MADE CHRISTIAN DECISION — 500,000 POCKET TESTAMENTS ARE ORDERED

The soldier boy is religious; he studies the Bible closely and he is interested in his own spiritual welfare and that of his fellows.

These facts are pointed out by secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. in a report just issued on the religious work of the Red Triangle among the 300,000 enlisted soldiers and sailors of the central military department. In support of the statements, figures are given to show that a total of 48,726 men at Camp Funston attended 239 religious or evangelistic services during January and that 12,412 others were enrolled in 255 Bible classes conducted under Y. M. C. A. auspices.

Thousands of men have thus been induced to interest themselves more deeply in their own spiritual happiness and welfare and to make what are known as "forward step decisions." There were more than 1,058 Christian decisions made by soldiers during the month.

It is considered a noteworthy fact that more than 2,300 soldiers—2,330 to be exact—asked to be given pocket testaments during the month covered by the report. The Y. M. C. A., it is announced, has just ordered another 500,000 pocket testaments for use in this country, so that every soldier who desires a copy of the Gospels may have one. The new order brings the number of Bibles printed for free distribution by the Y. M. C. A. alone to 1,700,000.

The presses of the American Bible Society have been working overtime for more than a year in an effort to meet the soldiers' demand for pocket testaments. The average life of such a book, bound in khaki, is only ninety days, which means that four Gospels must be manufactured each year if the boy who fights is to be kept supplied with the book that is having so profound an effect on his life.

Religion has been made attractive in the camps because of the patriotic appeal which it has, says the report. Thousands upon thousands of enlisted men in the central department have been drawn to evangelistic and other religious services and meetings who never attended church. An inspection of any of the big cantonments shows that the soldier now regards religion as a necessary part of his daily life. General Pershing likewise regards it as vital in his recent request for more army chaplains with the troops in France.

"You're pretty regular at Sunday morning meetings," said a Y. M. C. A. secretary to a private recently in one of the big cantonments.

"Say, why not?" answered the soldier. "I never heard such good preaching in my life before."

Sunday evenings are given up to a more informal service in charge of some secretary. There is a lot of hearty singing. A man in khaki sits at the piano, another leads the singing, another offers a prayer and then there comes a short talk. That talk is often a masterpiece; it has "punch" in it, and it invariably declares that the one thing a good soldier needs in that great fight for purity and truth is Jesus Christ.

One may frequently see men standing in line, like patrons of a popular movie before the ticket window, waiting their turn for a quiet word with one of the secretaries. Out comes a fountain pen and down goes his name. "Say, have you got a pocket testament? Well, then, take this one. Here, put your name in it. No, it doesn't cost anything except five minutes a day reading in it." The record of that card goes to the man's home and to the nearest representative of the church that he prefers, and if he moves to another camp that card follows him.

In many huts every evening at 9 o'clock the whistle blows and the men, knowing what that means, quiet down and crowd around the fireplace. On the mantle are some pictures that suggest home, and before the glowing fireplace stands a big, husky uniformed secretary. It is family prayers, a few verses, a short pointed prayer from one or two soldiers and then a hearty "good night, everybody."

HUNS TAKE ODESSA

(Continued from page 1.)

government may repudiate the peace treaty signed with the Germans at Brest-Litovsk. The dispatch failed to state whether Lenine or Trotzky had gone to Moscow, but it is presumed that if they have not already departed, they soon will do so, as both are scheduled to take part in the all-Russian congress which is scheduled to open at Moscow Tuesday to consider the peace situation.

GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, March 7.—The Germans directed a strong raiding thrust against the British lines near Ephey during the night, but were driven off, the war office announced today. The attack was accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Another raid was attempted near Poelcapelle on the west Flanders front but was also repulsed.

ANOTHER AVIATOR MEETS DEATH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Fort Worth, March 7.—Another aviator was killed here today when Burton Hurlbut of Ontario, a member of the British flying corps, was dashed to the ground from his airplane, sustaining a broken neck.

DR. DEAN GETS RELEASE

Order to Report Cancelled Because of Illness of Father

Dr. L. E. Dean, who is enlisted in the medical reserve corps of the United States army and who was called to report for duty March 10 at Fort Riley, Kans., has been released from that order for an indefinite length of time on account of the serious illness of his father, Dr. J. W. Dean.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and assistance during the parting hours of our beloved mother; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Elmer Derrickson,
Mrs. A. W. Reese,
Miss Ina Campbell.

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'GOD IS WITH US'-THE KAISER

Emperor Declares Glory Was Spread All Over German Army by the Victory in Russia

Amsterdam, March 7. — Emperor William telegraphed a message of congratulation to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the "glorious conclusion" of the war on the eastern front. The telegram, as quoted in a Berlin dispatch, says:

"Now the costly prize of victory in the long struggle is in our hands. Our Baltic brethren and countrymen are liberated from Russia's yoke and may again feel themselves Germans. God was with us and will continue to aid us."

In a telegram to Prince Leopold of Bavaria the Austro-German commander-in-chief on the eastern front, the emperor congratulates him that after three and a half years of struggle the German armies have called a halt to the "Russian army, which, with an overwhelming superiority in numbers, threatened our country."

In alluding especially to Prince Leopold's troops, the emperor said:

"In irresistible march over bad roads in ice and snow they did their utmost. The victorious march in the last fortnight will remain a glorious page in the history of the German army."

Pickering Circuit M. E. Church.

The second quarterly meeting will be held next Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10.

Quarterly conference at Pickering Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Rev. W. F. Burris, D. D., will preach at Pickering Saturday night and Myrtle Tree Sunday at 11 a. m.

The pastor will preach in Pickering Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the union service at the Christian church. Union young people meeting at 6:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

C. S. DAYHOFF, Pastor.

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God Running War, Says Quayle.

Boston, March 7.—"God is running this war," declared Bishop William A. Quayle of the Methodist church, lecturing at Boston University.

"I have been watching the papers lately," he said, "and I am convinced that He has not resigned. It would have been a calamity unspeakable if America had allowed this war to pass and had not been in it. This is a war for decency, and there is nothing to do but stay in it until Germany is whipped."

George W. Fink of Wellington, Kan., is visiting in Maryville with old friends. Mr. Fink was formerly proprietor of the new Linville hotel.

Guest of Grandfather.

Mrs. William Stickney of Pueblo, Colo., is visiting her grandfather, Joseph Jackson, Sr. Mrs. Stickney was formerly Miss Esther Saunders and has visited in Maryville a number of times.

Clun Price Leaves Today.

Clun Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, who enlisted Monday in the school of aerial photographers in the aviation section of the signal corps, left this afternoon for Rochester, N. Y.

F. B. Larmer, G. W. Walker and Col. J. B. Judd of Ravenwood are city visitors today.

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There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching torture and skin irritation almost instantly and that cleanses and soothes the skin.

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All the new dress goods are here in wool and cotton. The new wash goods this season are beautiful and very charming.

TOILET ARTICLES

Don't pay high prices for your face powders, talcum powders, perfumes, toilet waters, soaps, and all other toilet goods, but come to our Cut Rate Department and save money on every item.

The New Suits and Coats

A thoroughly wide awake, enthusiastic assortment of these ever useful and practical garments.

SKIRTS

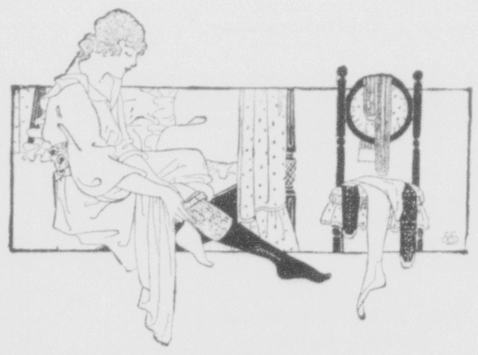
An almost endless variety of beautiful new skirts are now awaiting your selection. Fashions distinctly new that have an air of being well in advance of all others, are here. It would be wise to select your new Easter skirt now.

All the new Dresses are simply wonderful. We have never before shown such a beautiful lot of new dresses as we have now on display. These are shown in all the new silks, such as moon glo, khaki kool, meteors, crepe de chine, foulards, georgette, pongees, etc.

If you make your selections for Easter now, you will have the advantage of a very full and complete stock.

SILK

Our stock of silks was never so large as now. Most anything you would want we can supply you and at money saving prices.



UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY

The spring underwear and hosiery are all here and the stocks now are all very complete.

Haines

The Store That Is Anxious to Please You.

NEED MORE NURSES

AT LEAST 30,000 WOMEN SOUGHT FOR U. S. ARMY

THE AGE LIMITS LOWERED

The American Red Cross Has Sent 1,700 Trained Workers Abroad —2,500 in Home Service

Washington, March 7.—The American Red Cross wants able bodied American women to go to France as nurses.

The present enrollment of one thousand nurses a month, the Red Cross announced, has become insufficient. Recruiting must be immediately stimulated. Between thirty thousand and forty thousand nurses will be required for the American army alone, "within a short time," it was stated. Furthermore, "the Allies are depending on us to supplement their own nursing services."

There are approximately ninety thousand registered nurses in the United States today. Of these 16,500 are enrolled Red Cross nurses, of whom a majority are in active service, ready for mobilization or prepared for specific service, it was stated.

Already the Red Cross has equipped and sent abroad 1,790 nurses for service with the army and navy nurse corps; has provided about 2,500 nurses for home service with the army and navy corps in camp and cantonment hospitals, and has over two thousand nurses organized into units ready for mobilization.

Besides these, fifty-six Red Cross public health nurses are on duty in the sanitary zones surrounding cantonments; eighty-nine serving directly under the American Red Cross in France, twelve in Rumania, three in Greece and one in Serbia.

Army estimates are for thirty thousand nurses for each one million men in the field.

Red Cross age limits—lowered since the war started—are from 21 to 40 years. In special cases these restrictions are waived.

Red Cross nurses on duty are entitled to the same government war risk insurance as are soldiers and sailors.

Ravenwood News

Miss Nellie Lee Sims, Correspondent

Miss Carrie Thomas of Conception Junction is visiting her sister, Mrs. Everett Frampton, this week.

Miss Cloe Spoonemore and Mrs. Ed Walker have gone to Parnell for a visit with Mrs. Walker's parents.

Mrs. O. Wright left Friday for St. Joseph to visit her daughter, Mrs. George Kelley.

Prof. Baker and wife spent the week end vacation at Stanberry.

David Flynn, an old resident and retired business man, who has been confined to his room by sickness, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Susan Mapes arrived from Montana Saturday for a visit with friends here.

Word was received Monday by relatives here stating that Mrs. Eugene Goodson had been operated upon but was doing well.

Roy Hawley, wife and baby came up from Guilford to visit at his father's and with his brother, Leonard Hawley, who left for Camp Funston Monday.

E. E. O'Banion and family have moved to a farm northeast of Ravenwood and his brother Henry and family have removed to town to take care of their aged mother.

H. H. Wright and Mrs. E. C. McMulin went to Camp Funston last Friday to visit Corporal E. C. McMulin.

John Ford of Hamilton, Mo., a former resident, arrived Monday and is visiting friends and relatives.

Ralph Kessler and Miss Marie Oglesby were married in Savannah Monday, March 4, by Rev. Hunt.

The Ravenwood auxiliary of the Red Cross have held regular meetings on Tuesday and Thursday of each week in February and have accomplished more than any previous month. their work summing up 2,155 surgical dressings.

Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin left Tuesday for Grand Island, Nebr., in response to a message stating that her husband had been struck by a train and seriously injured.

WAR AND WORK FAIL TO DECREASE REGISTRATIONS.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Boston, Mar. 7.—Registration for the second term at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology stands at 1,650, a remarkable record for the time when the army, navy and industrial work are making insistent demands for young men of the usual college age. The number registered in September was 1,670, or about 90 per cent of normal.

COAL SALES AT MINE TO STOP

3,000 Retail Dealers of State to Come Under License Rule April 1— Lower Prices Soon

Consumers will be barred from buying coal direct from the mine after April 1, when more than 3,000 retail dealers in Missouri will be licensed by State Fuel Administrator Crossley, it is announced.

The state fuel administration will send questionnaires to all retail coal dealers who will be required to list the amount of coal sold during the winter, the average price and an estimate of the supplies that will be needed next winter.

Under the license the fuel administration will be in close touch with sales and can better enforce the regulations of the administration. Retailers are required to report all sales at regular periods. The retailer who violates these regulations stands to lose his license and be forced out of business.

Crossley's office expects very soon it is said, the announcement from Washington of prices fixed for summer coal by Fuel Administrator Garfield. The prices are expected to be 50 to 75 cents a ton lower than the winter prices. The average retail price of coal last winter in Missouri was $5.50 per ton.

The prices will be the lowest in April, when consumers will be urged to lay in their winter supplies.

WAR ORANGE IS LATEST IN SUPER-HOOVERIZING.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Santa Ana, Calif., Mar. 7.—The war orange is the latest bit of super-Hooverizing in California. The plan is to make the orange grow about twice its normal size, thus producing double the quantity of luscious fruit.

Miss Grace Hudson of this city is the first to succeed. She picked an orange from a tree at her home that measured six inches in height, eighteen inches in circumference, and weighed more than two pounds. It was a mammoth example of citrus fruit even for California, and Miss Hudson's explanation was: "I have only a small number of trees just had to make the oranges grow larger, so I just wished hard."

ABOVE AGE LIMIT YET ENLISTS IN U. S. GUARD

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Presenting a faded honorable discharge from the army written on sheepskin and dated 1886, John B. Landis, aged 58, has enlisted here in the United States Guards. He is a veteran of Custer's famed Indian command. Although he is eighteen years beyond the age limit, recruiting officers accepted him because of his splendid physical fitness. Landis has one son in the aviation section in France.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville Mo., postoffice for the week ending, Wednesday, March 6, 1918.

Men.

Day, Henry O.
Desler, Wilbur
Ford, V.
Hannaway, W. B.
Johnson, Austin
Leopold, F. O.
Wallace, Mose
Wright, W. M.

Women.

Henning, Miss Lullen
Honkley, Mrs. Charles
McAllister, Mrs. F. Lewis
McDonald, Miss Frankie
McMulligan, Mrs. Katherine
Stevenson, Mrs. Wm. P.
Todd, Mrs. Ella

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised." Respectfully,

JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Mrs. Turner Returns.

Mrs. G. W. Turner returned today from Shelbyville, where she has been spending the last three months with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon L. Drain, and family.

DRIVE AWAY HEADACHE

Rub Musterole on Forehead and Temples

A headache remedy without the dangers of "headache medicine." Relieves headache and that miserable feeling from colds or congestion. And it acts at once! Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. Better than a mustard plaster and does not blister. Used only externally, and in no way can it affect stomach and heart, as some internal medicines do.

Excellent for sore throat, bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, all pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

30c and 60c jars; hospital size $2.50

MUSTEROLE
WILL NOT BLISTER

Society and Clubland

By MISS LUTA MOODY
Hanamo 42. Farmers 114.

Guests at Eversole's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Eversole had as their dinner guests yesterday, Miss Laura Kizer of Shenandoah and Miss Nellie Miller of Savannah.

Sixty-Eight Members Meet.

The World's Democracy auxiliary of the Red Cross of Elmo met yesterday and completed 410 French dressings, 20 triangular bandages and 85 muslin bandages. Sixty-eight members were present.

Meet Second and Fourth Fridays.

The Rosanna Chapter 262 O. E. F. will hold their meetings on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month at the Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Elizabeth Melvin is worthy matron and Mrs. Nellie Belle Frost is secretary.

Baptist Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church held a self-sacrificing prayer meeting for Home Missions yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Wiles. A short program was given, Mrs. Eugene Ogden, Mrs. H. A. Miller and Mrs. Susan Helwig taking part. A silver offering was taken.

Needlework Club.

Mrs. Wilbur Smith of Pickering entertained the members of the Needlework club yesterday afternoon at her home. She was assisted in entertaining by Miss Blanche Hinton. One guest Mrs. Marvin Peery of Maryville was present and the members were: Mrs. E. L. Crowson, Mrs. J. E. Herbert, Mrs. J. W. Wiley, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Miss Minnie Everhart, Mrs. Roy Wolfers, Mrs. Wood Forcade, Mrs. Will Hinton, Miss Blanche Hinton and the hostess.

Spent Afternoon Knitting.

The Pioneer Willing Helpers met Wednesday, February 27 with Mrs. Claude Neville. After the business session the remainder of the afternoon was spent in knitting wash cloths for the soldiers. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were: Mrs. Swearingen, Mrs. I. V. Moore, Mrs. John Lawson, Mrs. Will Rhoades, Mrs. Roy Gay Mrs. Maggie Westfall, Mrs. George Gay, Mrs. Earl Gay, Miss Anna Shanks, Mrs. C. C. Moore and the hostess. The next meeting will be held March 13 with Mrs. Will Rhoades.

Surprised Two Families.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Swearengen and Mr. and Mrs. George Wright were surprised at the Swearengen home by the members of the Pioneer Willing Helper's Club. Both families are moving from that community, and the ladies were each presented with a beautiful table cloth as a remembrance from the club. A dainty luncheon was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Milt Swearengen and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rhoades and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gay and family, John Shanks and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Evans, Mrs. I. V. Moore, Mrs. George Gay, Mrs. Roy Gay, Mrs. Maggie Westfall, Miss Anna Shanks and Fred Shanks.

Farewell Party.

A farewell party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Florea Thursday evening, February 28, in honor of Mrs. Florea's brother, Harry Gonser, who leaves soon for Winifred, Montana., where he has a homestead of 360 acres. The evening was spent with games and music, and at a late hour dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Misses Beulah Taylor, Mary Killam, Hazel Florea, Zida Wray, Lela Wray, Addie Killam, Leta Hantz, Ruth Barton, Nannie Heflin, Edna King, Elva Heflin, Eva Griffey, Fannie Woods, Lillian Lawson, Verna Pistole, Pauline Killam, Mary Leech; Ross Killam, Lee Barton, Lloyd Killion, Dennis Leech, Paul Caudle, Dale Wiley, Irvin Shelman, Doyle Moore, Albert Wray, Byron Wray, Dewey Burch, Victor Stone, Lexie Burch, Clarence Gonser, Vern Heflin, Carl Killion, Harry Gonser, Floren Porter, Morrison Lawson, Alva Lett, Keith Killam, Curtis Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Killion, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pistole, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Killam, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Florea, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Florea.

Soldier's Letters

IN DETENTION CAMP NOW

Halley Ford, With Last Quota, Writes From Camp Funston

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford are in receipt of the following letter from their son, Halley Ford, who went with the last contingent to Camp Funston:

Camp Funston, Kans.
March 3, 1918.

Dear Papa and Mamma: This is Sunday morning and we have nothing to do but eat. We get good things to eat and all we want, but we have better cooks than the company next to us. I was fire guard Friday night from 9 to 1. Fire guard duty is just watching the fire in the mess house and not let it go out.

We had to change cars and wait about thirty minutes in St. Joseph. We ate dinner on the diner just as we left St. Joseph and it was the best meal I have had for a long time. After we had stuffed as full as we could get they brought us out some mince pie about an inch thick.

At K. C. they put us on regular troop train, double-header, with about 25 coaches. We got to the place where we had our examination about 5:30 in the morning. At 6 they gave us our breakfast, took us over to the examination building, gave us our examination, vaccinated us and issued our clothes. They then loaded us in trucks and drove us four miles over to this place, Detention Camp No. 2. There are about 3,000 here and are making preparations for 2,000 more. They are taking them out and bringing new ones in all the time. We will be here three weeks.

There are six boys in each tent. The five with me I think are good fellows. Our officers all seem to be all right.

There is a good sized river a quarter of a mile south of us. I don't know what the name of it is.

We can get any K. C. or St. Louis papers we want here. We can buy all the candies, cakes and stuff like that we can eat.

I had to send home everything that I had on, but you can send them back, so send my shirt and socks back.

It has been raining here all morning, but has about quit now.

The Camp Funston band gave us a concert Friday afternoon, and the ex-Governor of Iowa gave us a lecture Saturday afternoon.

With lots of love,

HALLEY FORD,
Co. 19, 164th Depot Brigade.

May Open Live Stock Office.

Thomas S. Lee of Kansas City, a well known and successful live stock man, interested at Chicago and other leading markets is in Maryville today looking the field over with the thought of establishing an office for the purpose of handling stockers and feeders from and to interior points.

Order Your——

Spring Suit Now

EASTER WILL SOON BE HERE

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UP-TO-DATE TAILORS *West Third Street*

The Olympia Smokehouse

211 North Main Street.

IS NOW OPEN AND CARRIES A COMPLETE AND FRESH STOCK OF FINE CIGARS AND TOBACCOS.

The Pool Hall

has been completely remodeled—new equipment and new Pool Tables have been installed and everything has been arranged for your comfort.

YOUR PATRONAGE IS SOLICITED BY THIS SMOKE HOUSE

which will be conducted as a high class place of amusement and in accordance with city regulations.

Alderman-Yehle Dry Goods Co.

WEST THIRD STREET, MARYVILLE, MO.

Dress Accessories For Spring

MANY NEW CREATIONS ARE BEING Received for Spring wearing and we invite an early visit of inspection from you.

VEILS AND VEILINGS

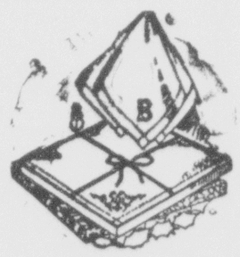
These spring months are when veils are so much in use and in order to meet the demand we have assembled a large collection of the newest effects and now have them on display for your selection

In veilings, the nets in black, white and colors in plain, with embroidered borders, and with embroidered designs are all in excellent demand.

The new drape veils in circular effect that fits over the crown of the hats are very popular—they are of net with various embroidered designs.

BUCKLES

The new buckles for suits and dresses are here. The jet, the smoked pearl, and the natural pearl in various sizes and shapes are among the assortment.



HANDKERCHIEFS

A new assortment of silk crepe handkerchiefs is now on display. The fancy effects are the leaders, while a number of plain colors are also shown. See this collection in the center aisle, at each.....25c

We now have a complete line of ladies' and gent's linen initial handkerchiefs in the Longfellow initial, at each 25c

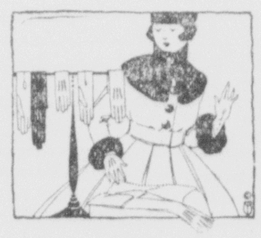
NECKWEAR

A beautiful new assortment of spring neckwear is now on display in the west aisle. New effects in dainty organdy collars with fine filet, French val, baby Irish and Venice lace trimmings are much in evidence.

There are a number of jabot collars of various sheer materials and soft nets.

THE SWITCH OF MANY USES

An exceedingly practical purchase is a natural wavy switch which may be becomingly arranged in a wide variety of pleasing modes. Extensive collection in the center aisle at.....$2 to $6



GLOVES

Desirable skins for fine kid gloves are in short supply and it is difficult to secure gloves at present.

In spite of these conditions we have a very good assortment of Virginia kid and fine cape gloves in black, white and colors.

Silk gloves are in strong demand this spring and we have an excellent collection of Kayser silk gloves in white, black and colors, two clasp. The white gloves with white or black stitching, the black gloves with black or white stitching, and the colored gloves with like or contrasting colored stitching and embroidered effects.

Gloves fitted at the counter.

Visit the Store Often—A Wonderful Array of New Spring Merchandise Now Awaits You.

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100 Horses and Mares
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Show Them to Me—I Have No Agents
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Real Bargains in Furniture

You can be economical in every sense of the word if you buy your furniture at Carsten's. We offer you a large assortment of New and Second-Hand Furniture not only at Bargain Prices, but you get FULL VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY.

We carry a large stock of both new and second-hand Furniture, Stoves, Springs, Mattresses, etc., which are priced far below normal.

Whatever your needs may be in this line, come to us and you will find "Just What You Want"

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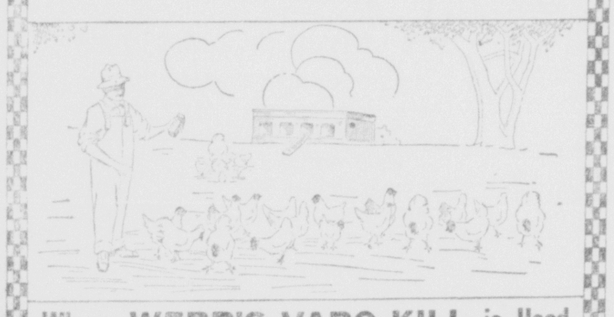
NEW AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE

Lice and Mites are Unknown



Where WEBB'S VAPO-KILL is Used

Vapo means Vapors. Kill means to Kill. Consequently, VAPO-KILL does just what it means. Exterminates all Insect Life, such as Lice, Mites, Etc. A few drops in Nests and on Floors of Poultry House, and then spray as directed. Concentrated, can be diluted.

50c. BOTTLE MAKES 1 GALLON. $1.00 BOTTLE MAKES 3 GALLONS.

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The C. H. Wade
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613 West 2nd Street.
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Including piano, music cabinet, range stove, 2 bed room suites, rocking chairs, dining room set, kitchen cabinet, coal oil stove.
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A splendid place for sale: 1 acre of ground; garden all fall plowed; hog tight; 1 cement cave, 7x9; cement walk, etc. House, 7 rooms—4 down, 3 up; two flues from ground up; 1 chicken house; 1 corn crib; 1 coal house; city water in yard and house. Place needs some repair. Will sell at a bargain and terms to suit.

Call this office at once.

Cities Are Saving Their Garbage.

More than 22,000 tons less garbage for November, 1917, compared with the same amount in 1916—this is the conservation achievement of eighty-two American cities having a combined population of 23,000,000. This is a saving of eleven per cent notwithstanding that many cities have increased considerably in size.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

SAVING DAYLIGHT

WHY MOVING CLOCK AHEAD WILL HELP WIN THE WAR

52 REASONS ARE GIVEN

Congress Hears the Report of the Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce

Washington, March 7. — Fifty-two important reasons for the prompt passing of the Daylight Saving bill have been given congress in the report of the committee on daylight saving of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Expediting the training of the national forces, speeding up the production of the plants making war material and increasing the production of the ship-building yards are three immediate results of the daylight saving measure emphasized as most important from a military point of view.

The substitution of a work hour at the beginning of the working day for a dark hour of artificial light at the end of the day brings advantages that are self-evident in the mere statement, continues the report. It will relieve the strain at the time of greatest fatigue, improve working conditions, particularly in industries where accurate eyesight is essential and materially cut down the number of industrial accidents which statistics show have most frequently occurred in the late afternoon when human efficiency is at low ebb. The lessened risk of accidents in transportation and local traffic handling, by moving the afternoon rush forward into daylight is in itself more than sufficient justification of the passage of the measure.

All along the line daylight-saving means increased efficiency in the improvement of health, morals and social welfare of the twenty million workers of the country. Working girls will go home by daylight. Parents will have a new hour to spend with their children. Bills for gas and electric light will be cut down and outdoor recreation will be stimulated. In this connection the possible increased gardening production through daylight saving is worthy of serious consideration. Briefly sketched as they are, there will be seen in these things a far-reaching step toward the solution of many of the causes of labor unrest and a practical constructive effort toward securing the full co-operation of labor in prosecuting the war.

Daylight saving means also an immediate reduction in the use of light and heat, with its attendant conservation of coal. More than 1,500,000 tons of coal a year is the estimated saving even if the measure is in effect only for the shortest period that has been suggested; and the saving of fuel oils is equally impressive.

The savings would occur in both direct and indirect ways. The amount of coal that will be saved if the clock is moved ahead one hour would differ with the method in which daylight saving is used.

"Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and eight other nations have adopted daylight saving since the outbreak of the war," says A. Lincoln Filene of Boston, chairman of the committee that prepared the report for the United States Chamber of Commerce, "and in all of them it is a great success. In England the saving in the use of artificial light and fuel is estimated at $2,500,000 for the summer months alone. In France the saving has been estimated to be ten per cent of the coal ordinarily used by the gas and electric undertakings. Adopted as a war measure it has resulted in such increased efficiency and such marked economy that there is no question of a return to the old days after the war."

Supporting the daylight saving measure are the president of the United States, Herbert C. Hoover, the United States food administrator, Dr. Harry A. Garfield, the United States fuel administrator, E. N. Hurley, the chairman of the shipping board, the council of national defense, literally scores of state and municipal civic bodies and the more than 1,000 chambers of commerce and commercial organizations comprising the membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Clayton E. Speer of Pickering returned Monday to his school work in the telegraph department of the Chillicothe Business College following a month's visit with home folks.

CHILDREN
Should not be "dosed" for colds—apply "externally"—
Keep a Little Body-Guard in Your Home
VICK'S VAPORUB

MARY PICKFORD SOLD BONDS

Clever Actress Helps a California Community to Get Its Quota In Liberty Loan Drive

Although the scenes in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," shown tonight at the Empire theatre for the benefit of Nodaway county Red Cross chapter show Mary Pickford in the act of selling soap with which to purchase a banquet lamp for the Simpson family, "America's Sweetheart," after working hours, was recently seen in a more laudable enterprise — that of selling Liberty Bonds.

Scenes in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" were filmed in a quiet little town in the California hills no far from San Francisco where a very active Liberty Bond campaign was being carried on. Four days before the subscriptions were to close it was found the committee was some eleven million dollars behind its allotment. A consultation was held and one of the members happened to recollect that Miss Pickford was at work not far from there. They motored to the little town, put the cause before her —that they must sell eleven million dollars worth of bonds and that she was the one attraction that would bring the people together to hear their arguments as to why they should buy a bond.

Miss Pickford consented and after finishing her day, jumped into her automobile and drove to the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Fifteen thousand people were massed into this building to see Mary Pickford. It was expected that Miss Pickford would do nothing but walk upon the stage, make a little bow and wave the American flag at them, but this was not the order of her program.

The clever artist stepped behind the footlights and began an emphatic talk as to why people should buy Liberty Bonds. At the conclusion of her talk she was cheered for fifteen minutes, and Mayor Rolph spoke of her as "the little girl who weighs a hundred pounds and has bought a thousand dollars worth of bonds for each pound."

GAS WELL AFLAME FOR IS MONTHS IS TAMED

Pasco, Wash., March 7.—Out in the sagebrush-covered wastes of eastern Washington there has just been tamed a big gas well and development work on the property is now under way. The flow of gas was discovered three years ago, when a misguided settler drilled for water and had a four-inch pipe blown out of the ground. A year later a passerby threw a match into the gas, and for eighteen months the well burned day and night, a beacon visible for miles around. Three months ago the old well was capped, the gas used to provide fuel for a modern drilling engine, and an eighteen-inch pipe has just been sunk into the gas reservoir.

A GOOD FRIEND.

A good friend stands by you when in need. Maryville people tell how Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test. Mrs. C. McMonigal, of 206 N. Main St., Maryville, endorsed Doan's over four years ago and again confirms the story. Could you ask for more convincing testimony?

"I suffered for years from disordered kidneys and at times the pain in my back was so bad I had to scream," says Mrs. McMonigal. "I couldn't rest well and had dizzy spells. Since I used Doan's Kidney Pills, I have felt better in every way. I can certainly recommend them." (Statement given October 2, 1912.)

On June 12, 1916, Mrs. McMonigal said, "I never hesitate to say a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills, as they have given me permanent benefit."

Price 60 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. McMonigal had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

MOVING THE BIG ONION CROP

The Bermuda Crop In Texas Is Expected to Approximate 2,500 Carloads — Shipments in March

Laredo, Texas, March 7. — Having withstood the rigors of one of the severest winters experienced in the history of this section for continuous duration of the cold, the great Bermuda onion crop in the Laredo section will begin to roll to market about the latter part of March. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 carloads of onions will be shipped from Laredo this spring and early summer.

On account of the fact that the movement of the crop may be retarded this year on account of war conditions and the usual shipments of from 75 to 100 carloads daily will be materially reduced in number on account of shortage of ventilator and refrigerator cars, growers are somewhat pessimistic, though these conditions may be met and the crop rushed to market with the usual celerity.

NEW POSTAL RULING MARCH 15

Parcel Post Weight Increased to Seventy Pounds

Excepting parcels going to the expeditionary forces in France, the weight limit on all parcel post packages, beginning March 15, will be increased to seventy pounds for delivery in the first, second and third zones, and is not to exceed fifty pounds for delivery in any of the other zones.

This notification comes from the postoffice here and it is expected that the increase in weight limit will increase the usefulness and availability of the parcel post as a prompt, convenient and cheap means of transporting mailable matter.

Because of the immense volume and great weight of parcel post matter going through the mails the postoffice requests patrons to be more careful in wrapping and preparing packages to be sent by this method.

PLACED FIRST RAINBOW FLAG ON FRENCH SOIL

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Mar. 7.—To Private Fred Stroup, a member of the 150th Machine Gun Battalion of this city, fell the honor of placing the flag of the "Rainbow" Division on the shores of France. Stroup is a member of the Eighty-third Division, composed of picked National Guard companies from many states. The division has been training "somewhere" in France for many weeks.

W. W. Glass Sells Property.

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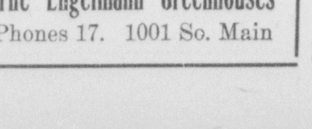

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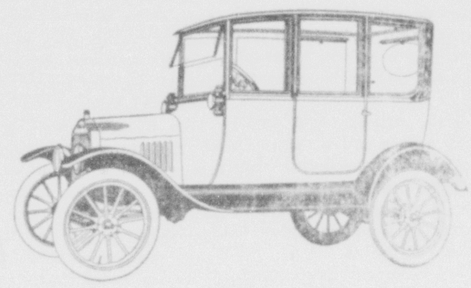

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CHAPTER XVI.

Battery D 238.

The day after this I received the glad tidings that I would occupy the machine gunners' dugout right near the advanced artillery observation post. This dugout was a roomy affair, dry as tinder, and real cots in it. These cots had been made by the R. E.'s who had previously occupied the dugout. I was the first to enter and promptly made a signboard with my name and number on it and suspended it from the foot of the most comfortable cot therein.

In the trenches it is always "first come, first served," and this is lived up to by all.

Two R. F. A. men (Royal Field artillery) from the nearby observation post were allowed the privilege of stopping in this dugout when off duty.

One of these men, Bombardier Wilson by name, who belonged to Battery D 238, seemed to take a liking to me, and I returned this feeling.

In two days' time we were pretty chummy, and he told me how his battery in the early days of the war had put over a stunt on Old Pepper, and had gotten away with it.

I will endeavor to give the story as far as memory will permit in his own words:

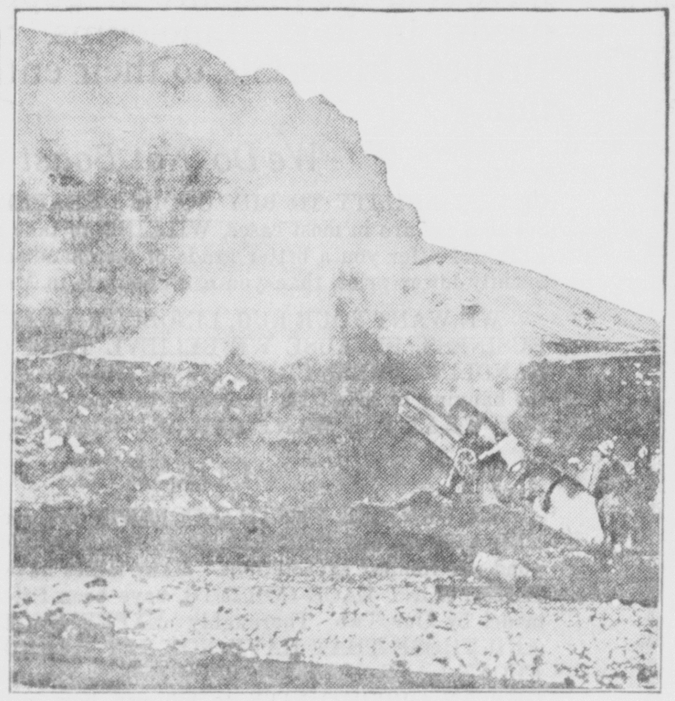
"I came out with the first expeditionary force, and, like all the rest, thought we would have the enemy licked in jig time, and be able to eat Christmas dinner at home. Well, so far, I have eaten two Christmas dinners in the trenches, and am liable to eat two more, the way things are pointing. That is, if Fritz don't drop a 'whizz-bang' on me, and send me to Blighty. Sometimes I wish I would get hit, because it's no great picnic out here, and twenty-two months of it makes you fed up.

"It's fairly cushy now compared to what it used to be, although I admit this trench is a trifle rough. Now, we send over five shells to their one. We are getting our own back, but in the early days it was different. Then you had to take everything without reply. In fact, we would get twenty shells in return for every one we sent over. Fritz seemed to enjoy it, but we British didn't; we were the sufferers. Just one casualty after another. Sometimes whole platoons would disappear, especially when a 'Jack Johnson' plunked into their middle. It got so bad that a fellow, when writing home, wouldn't ask for any cigarettes to be sent out, because he was afraid he wouldn't be there to receive them.

"After the drive to Paris was turned back, trench warfare started. Our general grabbed a map, drew a pencil across it, and said, 'Dig here.' Then he went back to his tea, and Tommy armed himself with a pick and shovel and started digging. He's been digging ever since.

"Of course we dug those trenches at night, but it was hot work, what with the rifle and machine-gun fire. The stretcher bearers worked harder than the diggers.

"Those trenches, bloomin' ditches, I call them, were nightmares. They were only about five feet deep, and you used



One of the Big Guns Barking.

to get the backache from bending down. It wasn't exactly safe to stand upright, either, because as soon as your napper showed over the top a bullet would bounce off it, or else come so close it would make your hair stand.

"We used to fill sandbags and stick them on top of the parapet to make it higher, but no use; they would be there about an hour and then Fritz would turn loose and blow them to bits. My neck used to be sore from ducking shells and bullets.

"Where my battery was stationed a hasty trench had been dug, which the boys nicknamed 'Suicide ditch,' and, believe me, Yank, this was the original 'Suicide ditch.' All the others are imitations.

"When a fellow went into that trench it was an even gamble that he would come out on a stretcher. At one time a Scotch battalion held it, and when they heard the betting was even money that they'd come out on stretchers, they grabbed all the bets in sight. Like a lot of bally idiots, several of the battery men fell for their game, and put up real money. The 'Jocks' suffered a lot of casualties, and the prospects looked bright for the battery men to collect some easy money. So when the battalion was relieved the gamblers lined up. Several 'Jocks' got their money for emerging safely, but the ones who clicked it weren't there to pay. The artillerymen had never thought it out that way. Those Scotties were bound to be sure winners, no matter how the wind blew. So take a tip from me, never bet with a Scottie, 'cause you'll lose money.

"At one part of our trench where a communication trench joined the front line a Tommy had stuck up a wooden signpost with three hands or arms on it. One of the hands, pointing to the German lines, read, 'To Berlin;' the one pointing down the communication trench read, 'To Blighty,' while the other said, 'Suicide Ditch, Change Here for Stretchers.'

"Farther down from this guide post the trench ran through an old orchard. On the edge of this orchard our battery had constructed an advanced observation post. The trees screened it from the enemy airmen and the roof was turfed. It wasn't cushy like ours, no timber or concrete re-enforcements, just walls of sandbags. From it a splendid view of the German lines could be obtained. This post wasn't exactly safe. It was a hot corner, shells plunking all around, and the bullets cutting leaves off the trees. Many a time when relieving the signaler at the 'phone, I had to crawl on my belly like a worm to keep from being hit.

"It was an observation post sure enough. That's all the use it was. Just observe all day, but never a message back for our battery to open up. You see, at this point of the line there were strict orders not to fire a shell, unless specially ordered to do so from brigade headquarters. Blime me, if anyone disobeyed that command, our general—yes, it was Old Pepper—would have court-martialed the whole expeditionary force. Nobody went out of their way to disobey Old Pepper in those days, because he couldn't be called a parson; he was more like a pirate. If at any time the devil should feel lonely and sigh for a proper mate, Old Pepper would get the first call. Facing the Germans wasn't half bad compared with an interview with that old firebrand.

"If a company or battalion should give way a few yards against a superior force of Boches, Old Pepper would send for the commanding officer. In about half an hour the officer would come back with his face the color of a brick, and in a few hours what was left of his command would be holding their original position.

"I have seen an officer who wouldn't say d——n for a thousand quid spend five minutes with the old boy, and when he returned the flow of language from his lips would make a navvy blush for shame.

"What I am going to tell you is how two of us put it over on the old scamp, and got away with it. It was a risky thing, too, because Old Pepper wouldn't have been exactly mild with us if he had got next to the game.

"Me and my mate, a lad named Harry Cassell, a bombardier in D 238 battery, or lance corporal, as you call it in the infantry, used to relieve the telephonists. We would do two hours on and four off. I would be on duty in the advanced observation post, while he would be at the other end of the wire in the battery dugout signaling station. We were supposed to send through orders for the battery to fire when ordered to do so by the observation officer in the advanced post. But very few messages were sent. It was only in case of an actual attack that we would get a chance to earn our 'two and six' a day. You see, Old Pepper had issued orders not to fire except when the orders came from him. And with Old Pepper orders is orders, and made to obey.

"The Germans must have known about these orders, for even in the day their transports and troops used to expose themselves as if they were on parade. This sure got up our nose, sitting there day after day, with fine targets in front of us but unable to send over a shell. We heartily cussed Old Pepper, his orders, the government, the people at home, and everything in general. But the Boches didn't mind cussing, and got very careless. Blime me, they were bally insulting. Used to, when using a certain road, throw their caps into the air as a taunt at our helplessness.

"Cassell had been a telegrapher in civil life and joined up when war was declared. As for me, I knew Morse, learned it at the signalers' school back in 1910. With an officer in the observation post, we could not carry on the kind of conversation that's usual between two mates, so we used the Morse code. To send, one of us would tap the transmitter with his finger nails, and the one on the other end would get it through the receiver. Many an hour was whiled away in this manner passing compliments back and forth.

"In the observation post the officer used to sit for hours with a powerful pair of field glasses to his eyes. Through a cleverly concealed loophole he would scan the ground behind the German trenches, looking for targets and finding many. This officer, Captain A—— by name, had a habit of talking out loud to himself. Sometimes he would vent his opinion, same as a common private does when he's wrought up. Once upon a time the captain had been on Old Pepper's staff, so he could cuss and blind in the most approved style. Got to be sort of a habit with him.

"About six thousand yards from us, behind the German lines, was a road in plain view of our post. For the last three days Fritz had brought companies of troops down this road in broad daylight. They were never shelled. Whenever this happened the captain would froth at the mouth and let out a volume of Old Pepper's religion which used to make me love him.

"Every battery has a range chart on which distinctive landmarks are noted, with the range for each. These landmarks are called targets, and are numbered. On our battery's chart, that road was called 'Target 17, Range 6000, 3 degrees 30 minutes left.' D 238 battery consisted of four '4.5' howitzers, and fired a 35-pound H. E. shell. As you know, H. E. means 'high explosive.' I don't like bumming up my own battery, but we had a record in the division for direct hits, and our boys were just pining away for a chance to exhibit their skill in the eyes of Fritz.

"On the afternoon of the fourth day of Fritz' contemptuous use of the road mentioned the captain and I were at our posts as usual. Fritz was strafeing us pretty rough, just like he's doing now. The shells were playing leapfrog all through that orchard.

"I was carrying on a conversation in our 'tap' code with Cassell at the other end. It ran something like this:

"'Say, Cassell, how would you like to be in the saloon bar of the King's Arms down Rye lane with a bottle of Bass in front of you, and that blonde barmaid waiting to fill 'em up again?'

"Cassell had a fancy for that particular blonde. The answer came back in the shape of a volley of cusses. I changed the subject.

"After a while our talk veered round to the way the Boches had been exposing themselves on the road down on the chart as Target 17. What he said about those Boches would never have passed the reichstag, though I believe it would have gone through our censor easily enough.

"The bursting shells were making such a din that I packed up talking and took to watching the captain. He was fidgeting around on an old sandbag with the glass to his eye. Occasionally he would let out a grunt, and make some remark I couldn't hear on account of the noise, but I guessed what it was all right. Fritz was getting fresh again on that road.

"Cassell had been sending in the 'tap code' to me, but I was fed up and didn't bother with it. Then he sent O. S., and I was all attention, for this was a call used between us which meant that something important was on. I was all ears in an instant. Then Cassell turned loose.

"'You blankety blank dud, I have been trying to raise you for fifteen minutes. What's the matter, are you asleep?' (Just as if anyone could have slept in that infernal racket!) 'Never mind framing a nasty answer. Just listen.'

"'Are you game for putting something over on the Boches and Old Pepper all in one?'

"I answered that I was game enough when it came to putting it over the Boches, but confessed that I had a weakening of the spine, even at the mention of Old Pepper's name.

"He came back with, 'It's so absurdly easy and simple that there is no chance of the old heathen rumbling it. Anyway, if we're caught, I'll take the blame.'

"Under these condition I told him to spit out his scheme. It was so daring and simple that it took my breath away. This is what he proposed:

"If the Boches should use that road again, to send by the tap system the target and range. I had previously told him about our captain talking out loud as if he were sending through orders. Well, if this happened, I was to send the dope to Cassell and he would transmit it to the battery commander as officially coming through the observation post. Then the battery would open up. Afterwards, during the investigation, Cassell would swear he received it direct. They would have to relieve him, because it was impossible from his post in the battery dugout to know that the road was being used at that time by the Germans. And also it was impossible for him to give the target, range and degrees. You know a battery chart is not passed around among the men like a newspaper from Blighty. From him the investigation would go to the observation post, and the observing officer could truthfully swear that I had not sent the message by 'phone, and that no orders to fire had been issued by him. The investigators would then be up in the air, we would be safe, the Boches would receive a good bashing, and we would get our own back on Old Pepper. It was too good to be true. I gleefully fell in with the scheme, and told Cassell I was his meat.

"Then I waited with beating heart and watched the captain like a hawk.

"He was beginning to fidget again and was drumming on the sandbags with his feet. At last, turning to me, he said:

"'Wilson, this army is a blankety blank washout. What's the use of having artillery if it is not allowed to fire? The government at home ought to be hanged with some of their red tape. It's through them that we have no shells.'

"I answered, 'Yes, sir,' and started sending this opinion over the wire to Cassell, but the captain interrupted me with:

"'Keep those infernal fingers still. What's the matter, getting the nerves? When I'm talking to you, pay attention.'

"My heart sank. Supposing he had rumbled that tapping, then all would be up with our plan. I stopped drumming with my fingers and said:

"'Beg your pardon, sir, just a habit with me.'

"'And a d——d silly one, too,' he answered, turning to his glasses again, and I knew I was safe. He had not tumbled to the meaning of that tapping.

"All at once, without turning round, he exclaimed:

"'Well, of all the nerve I've ever run across, this takes the cake. Those —— —— Boches are using that road again. Blind my eyes, this time it is a whole brigade of them, transports and all. What a pretty target for our '4.5's.' The beggars know that we won't fire. A d——d shame, I call it. Oh, just for a chance to turn D 238 loose on them.'

"I was trembling with excitement. From repeated stolen glances at the captain's range chart, that road with its range was burned into my mind.

"Over the wire I tapped, 'D 238 battery, Target 17, Range 6000, 3 degrees 30 minutes, left, salvo, fire.' Cassell O. K.'d my message, and with the receiver pressed against my ear, I waited and listened. In a couple of minutes very faintly over the wire came the voice of our battery commander issuing the order: 'D 238 battery. Salvo! Fire!'

"Then a roar through the receiver as the four guns belched forth, a screaming and whistling overhead, and the shells were on their way.

"The captain jumped as if he were shot, and let out a great big expressive d——n, and eagerly turned his glasses in the direction of the German road. I also strained my eyes watching that target. Four black clouds of dust rose up right in the middle of the German column. Four direct hits—another record for D 238.

"The shells kept on whistling overhead, and I had counted twenty-four of them when the firing suddenly ceased. When the smoke and dust clouds lifted the destruction on that road was awful. Overturned limbers and guns, wagons smashed up, troops fleeing in all directions. The road and roadside were spotted all over with little field gray dots, the toll of our guns.

"The captain, in his excitement, had slipped off the sandbag, and was on his knees in the mud, the glass still at his eye. He was muttering to himself and slapping his thigh with his disengaged hand. At every slap a big round juicy cuss word would escape from his lips followed by:

"'Good! Fine! Marvelous! Pretty Work! Direct hits all.'

"Then he turned to me and shouted:

"'Wilson, what do you think of it? Did you ever see the like of it in your life? D——n fine work, I call it.'

"Pretty soon a look of wonder stole over his face and he exclaimed:

"'But who in h—l gave them the order to fire. Range and everything correct, too. I know I didn't. Wilson, did I give you any order for the battery to open up? Of course I didn't, did I?'

"I answered very emphatically, 'No, sir, you gave no command. Nothing went through this post. I am absolutely certain on that point, sir.'

"'Of course nothing went through,' he replied. Then his face fell, and he muttered out loud:

"'But, by Jove, wait till Old Pepper gets wind of this. There'll be fur flying.'

Just then Bombardier Cassell cut in on the wire:

"'General's compliments to Captain A——. He directs that officer and signaler report at the double to brigade headquarters as soon as relieved. Relief now on the way.'

"In an undertone to me, 'Keep a brass front, Wilson, and for God's sake, stick.' I answered with, 'Rely on me, mate,' but I was trembling all over.

"I gave the general's message to the captain, and started packing up.

"The relief arrived, and as we left the post the captain said:

"'Now for the fireworks, and I know they'll be good and plenty.' They were.

"When we arrived at the gun pits the battery commander, the sergeant major and Cassell were waiting for us. We fell in line and the funeral march to brigade headquarters started.

"Arriving at headquarters the battery commander was the first to be interviewed. This was behind closed doors. From the roaring and explosions of Old Pepper it sounded as if raw meat was being thrown to the lions. Cassell, later, described it as sounding like a bombing raid. In about two minutes the officer reappeared. The sweat was pouring from his forehead, and his face was the color of a beet. He was speechless. As he passed the captain he jerked his thumb in the direction of the lion's den and went out. Then the captain went in, and the lions were once again fed. The captain stayed about twenty minutes and came out. I couldn't see his face, but the droop in his shoulders was enough. He looked like a wet hen.

"The door of the general's room opened and Old Pepper stood in the doorway. With a roar he shouted:

"'Which one of you is Cassell? D——n me, get your heels together when I speak! Come in here.'

"Cassell started to say, 'Yes sir.'

"But Old Pepper roared, 'Shut up!'

"Cassell came out in five minutes. He said nothing, but as he passed me he put his tongue into his cheek and winked, then, turning to the closed door, he stuck his thumb to his nose and left.

"Then the sergeant major's turn came. He didn't come out our way. Judging by the roaring, Old Pepper must have eaten him.

"When the door opened and the general beckoned to me, my knees started to play 'Home, Sweet Home' against each other.

"My interview was very short.

"Old Pepper glared at me when I entered, and then let loose.

"'Of course you don't know anything about it. You're just like the rest. Ought to have a nursing bottle around your neck and a nipple in your teeth. Soldiers—by gad, you turn my stomach to look at you. Win this war, when England sends out such samples as I have in my brigade! Not likely! Now, sir, tell me what you don't know about this affair. Speak up, out with it. Don't be gaping at me like a fish. Spit it out.'

"I stammered, 'Sir, I know absolutely nothing.'

"'That's easy to see,' he roared; 'that stupid face tells me that. Shut up. Get out; but I think you are a d——d liar just the same. Back to your battery.'

"I saluted and made my exit.

"That night the captain sent for us. With fear and trembling we went to his dugout. He was alone. After saluting we stood at attention in front of him and waited. His say was short.

"'Don't you two ever get it into your heads that Morse is a dead language. I've known it for years. The two of you had better get rid of that nervous habit of tapping transmitters; it's dangerous. That's all.'

"We saluted, and were just going out the door of the dugout when the captain called up back and said:

"'Smoke Goldflakes? Yes? Well, there are two tins of them on my table. Go back to the battery, and keep your tongues between your teeth. Understand?'

"We understood.

"For five weeks afterwards our battery did nothing but extra fatigues. We were satisfied and so were the men. It was worth it to put one over on Old Pepper, to say nothing of the injury caused to Fritz' feelings."

When Wilson had finished his story I looked up and the dugout was jammed. An artillery captain and two officers had also entered and stayed for the finish. Wilson spat out an enormous quid of tobacco, looked up, saw the captain, and got as red as a carnation. The captain smiled and left. Wilson whispered to me:

"Blime me, Yank, I see where I click for crucifixion. That captain is the same one that chucked us Goldflakes in his dugout and here I have been 'chucking me weight about in his hearing.'"

Wilson never clicked his crucifixion.

Quite a contrast to Wilson was another character in our brigade named Scott; we called him "Old Scotty" on account of his age. He was fifty-seven, although looking forty. "Old Scotty" had been born in the Northwest and had served in the Northwest Mounted police. He was a typical cowpuncher and Indian fighter and was a dead shot with the rifle, and took no pains to disguise this fact from us. He used to take care of his rifle as if it were a baby. In his spare moments you could always see him cleaning it or polishing the stock. Woe betide the man who by mistake happened to get hold of this rifle; he soon found out his error. Scott was as deaf as a mule, and it was amusing at parade to watch him in the manual of arms, slyly glancing out of the corner of his eye at the man next to him to see what the order was. How he passed the doctor was a mystery to us; he must have bluffed his way through, because he certainly was independent. Beside him the Fourth of July looked like Good Friday. He wore at the time a large sombrero, had a Mexican stock saddle over his shoulder, a lariat on his arm, and a "forty-five" hanging from his hip. Dumping this paraphernalia on the floor he went up to the recruiting officer and shouted: "I'm from America, west of the Rockies, and want to join your d——d army. I've got no use for a German and can shoot some. At Scotland Yard they turned me down; said I was deaf and so I am. I don't hanker to ship in with a d——d mud-crunching outfit, but the cavalry's full, so I guess this regiment's better than none, so trot out your papers and I'll sign 'em." He told them he was forty and slipped by. I was on recruiting service at the time he applied for enlistment.

It was Old Scotty's great ambition to be a sniper or "body snatcher," as Mr. Atkins calls it. The day that he was detailed as brigade sniper he celebrated his appointment by blowing the whole platoon to fags.

Being a Yank, Old Scotty took a liking to me and used to spin some great yarns about the plains, and the whole platoon would drink these in and ask for more. Ananias was a rookie compared with him.

The ex-plainsman and discipline could not agree, but the officers all liked him, even if he was hard to manage, so when he was detailed as a sniper a sigh of relief went up from the officers' mess.

Old Scotty had the freedom of the brigade. He used to draw two or three days' rations and disappear with his glass, range finder and rifle, and we would see or hear no more of him until suddenly he would reappear with a couple of notches added to those already on the butt of his rifle. Every time he got a German it meant another notch. He was proud of these notches.

But after a few months Father Rheumatism got him and he was sent to Blighty; the air in the wake of his stretcher was blue with curses. Old Scotty surely could swear; some of his outbursts actually burned you.

No doubt, at this writing, he is "somewhere in Blighty" pussy footing it on a bridge or along the wall of some munition plant with the "G. R." or Home Defense corps.

CHAPTER XVII.

Out in Front.

After tea Lieutenant Stores of our section came into the dugout and informed me that I was "for" a reconnoitering patrol and would carry six Mills bombs.

At 11:30 that night twelve men, our lieutenant and myself went out in front on a patrol in No Man's Land.

We cruised around in the dark for about two hours, just knocking about looking for trouble, on the lookout for Boche working parties to see what they were doing.

Around two in the morning we were carefully picking our way about thirty yards in front of the German barbed wire, when we walked into a Boche covering party nearly thirty strong. Then the music started, the fiddler rendered his bill, and we paid.

Fighting in the dark with a bayonet is not very pleasant. The Germans took it on the run, but our officer was no novice at the game and didn't follow them. He gave the order "down on the ground, hug it close."

Just in time, too, because a volley skimmed over our heads. Then in low tones we were told to separate and crawl back to our trenches, each man on his own.

We could see the flashes of their rifles in the darkness, but the bullets were going over our heads.

We lost three men killed and one wounded in the arm. If it hadn't been for our officer's quick thinking the whole patrol would have probably been wiped out.

After about twenty minutes' wait we went out again and discovered that the Germans had a wiring party working on their barbed wire. We returned to our trenches unobserved with the information and our machine guns immediately got busy.

The next night four men were sent out to go over and examine the German barbed wire and see if they had

A Hidden Gun.

cut lanes through it; if so, this presaged an early morning attack on our trenches.

Of course I had to be one of the four selected for the job. It was just like sending a fellow to the undertaker's to order his own coffin.

At ten o'clock we started out, armed with three bombs, a bayonet and revolver. After getting into No Man's Land we separated. Crawling four or five feet at a time, ducking star shells, with strays cracking overhead, I reached their wire. I scouted along this inch by inch, scarcely breathing. I could hear them talking in their trench, my heart was pounding against my ribs. One false move or the least noise from me meant discovery and almost certain death.

After covering my sector I quietly crawled back. I had gotten about half way when I noticed that my revolver was missing. It was pitch dark. I turned about to see if I could find it; it couldn't be far away, because about three or four minutes previously I had felt the butt in the holster. I crawled around in circles and at last found it, then started on my way back to our trenches, as I thought.

Pretty soon I reached barbed wire, and was just going to give the password when something told me not to. I put out my hand and touched one of the barbed wire stakes. It was iron. The British are of wood, while the German are iron. My heart stopped beating; by mistake I had crawled back to the German lines.

I turned slowly about and my tunic caught on the wire and made a loud ripping noise.

A sharp challenge rang out. I sprang to my feet, ducking low, and ran madly back toward our lines. The Germans started firing. The bullets were biting all around me, when bang! I ran smash into our wire, and a sharp challenge, "'Alt, who comes there?" rang out. I gasped out the password, and, groping my way through the lane in the wire, tearing my hands and uniform, I tumbled into our trench and was safe, but I was a nervous wreck for an hour, until a drink of rum brought me round.

(To be continued.)

Remember the Tebow Sale next Saturday, March 9.

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We Guarantee Satisfaction.
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110 W. 3RD ST. JUST A STEP PAST MAIN
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JNO. J. SMITH GROCER.
HENS PAID GROCERY BILLS
One woman writes that her hens lay enough eggs to pay the grocery bills every month.
Look to your flock NOW. Eggs are high. You can make your hens pay big profits by using
Wolf's
EGG MAKER
It will condition your hens, keep them healthy, and make them lay.
So positive are we that WOLF'S EGG MAKER will do all we claim that we have told our dealer in your town to furnish you enough for your flock on the following guarantee which is on every package.
"MADE TO SATISFY"
Remember! Lousy Hen's Can't Lay
WOLF'S RAPID LOUSE KILLER
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Large Can, Sifter Top, 25c
GAUGH & EVANS, Druggists
South Side of Square, Maryville, Mo.

To Stop a Persistent, Hacking Cough
The best remedy is one you can easily make at home. Cheap, but very effective.
Thousands of people normally healthy in every other respect, are annoyed with a persistent hanging-on bronchial cough year after year, disturbing their sleep and making life disagreeable. It's so needless—there's an old home-made remedy that will end such a cough easily and quickly.
Get from any druggist "2½ ounces of Pinex" (60 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Begin taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also promptly loosens a dry or tight cough, stops the troublesome throat tickle, soothes the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes, and relief comes almost immediately. A day's use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma there is nothing better. It tastes pleasant and keeps perfectly.
Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is used by millions of people every year for throat and chest colds with splendid results.
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FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—Good split seasoned burr oak fence posts at farm or office, special price. Wm. Everhart. 5-11

FOR SALE OR TRADE—80 acre farm in Howell county. Would consider car in good condition. Inquire Thompson's barber shop. 5-7*

FOR SALE—1,000 bu. seed oats, made 72 bu. to acre on 19 acres, 90c bu. Also 100 shocks fodder. Emmett Scott, both phones. 5-7*

FOR SALE—Modern 8 room house in good neighborhood. Inquire Democrat-Forum. 5-7

FOR SALE OR RENT — Six-room house, lights, large garden spot, fruit trees, soft water, $15 month. J. T. Hays, Hanamo 575. 26-11

FOR SALE—Some household furniture, in good condition, No. 1 good cow, 2 tons baled straw. C. P. Schmidt, 923 South Main, Far. phone 125. 26-'8*

FOR SALE — Spotted Poland-China male pigs, September farrow, $25 each if taken by March 20. J. R. Lawson, Ravenwood, Mo. Mutual phone. 1-12*

FOR SALE—Ford touring car in excellent condition. McMurry's garage. 6-8*

FOR SALE—Choice alfalfa hay baled. Alfred Jones, Farmers 38-17. 7-9

FOR SALE—Old Trusty incubator, 150 egg. Call C. T. Barrow, Farmers phone 36-12. 6-8*

FOR SALE—2 work teams, pair of mules, pair of horses. A. C. Ford, Farmers phone 14-17. 6-9

FOR SALE—2 incubators, one 250, other 50 egg; first class condition. Call Speirs produce house. 7-9*

FOR SALE—Coming 2-year-old registered draft stallion, sired by Burke's young stallion. Will sell cheap. Joe Giesken, Worth, Mo. 7-9*

FOR SALE — 1½ dozen choice Plymouth Rock pullets. 1516 E. Halsey. Hanamo 3496. 7-9*

FOR SALE—About 10 tons first class alfalfa hay in barn. Henry Heitman, Far. 13-17. 7-9*

FOR SALE—2 acres ground, one acre in grass, chicken tight; 5 room house, large pantry, barn, hen house, cellar, well, cistern, some fruit. Peter Groppe, 815 South Vine. Farmers phone 52012. 7-9*

FOR SALE—Calf, 3 weeks old. Inquire 1122 N. Mulberry street. 7-9*

FOR SALE—18 head draft horses and mares, ages 3 to 5 years. Saunders Bros., Hanamo 4X. 6-tf

PURE BRED SEED CORN—Improved Reid's Yellow Dent, field selected before frost and rack dried. Guaranteed germination test 96%. Sold in ear. G. R. Lager, Clyde, Mo. 2-8*

FOR SALE—Modern house, 6 rooms and bath, close in. Must sell at once, bargain. See C. W. Bennett, Hanamo 6595. 28tf

MISCELLANEOUS

ROOMS and Board at 322 West 7th St. Mrs. Maggie Starr. 7-9*

LOST—Pair lady's gray suede gloves, small size. Finder please return to this office. 7-9

IF YOU NEED seed corn, see M. C. Thompson, 307 N. Market St., east side of square. Hanamo 108, Farmers 41-25. 6tf

WANTED

WANTED—Strong, reliable woman to clean house and do small washing once a week. Mrs. Zenor, 723 N. Market. 5-7

WANTED—To buy some soft corn to feed. Saunders Bros., Hanamo 4X. 6-tf.

WANTED—To rent a typewriter. Inquire at Democrat-Forum office. 7-9*

WANTED—Everybody to attend furniture sale at 1½ blocks west of post office, Saturday, March 9, at 2 p. m. 7

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

WANTED — Few hours' work each day by Normal girl. Apply to X care Democrat-Forum. 5-7*

WANTED—700 men and women to witness "The Parish Priest," Empire Theatre, Monday, April first. 6-23

WANTED—To rent 60 to 120 acres Will pay cash or grain rent. H. S. Jones, Burlington Junction, Mo. 6-8*

WANTED — To rent, about 6 room house close in, water and lights. Inquire at Democrat-Forum.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Pasture, 160 acres, well water, trees enough for shade, 3 miles northeast of Clyde. Apply to R. J. Ellerman, Clyde. 6-8*

FOR RENT—7-room house and 3 acres of ground on North Main. Mrs. J. Faulkner, Farmers phone 188-15. 6-8*

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Grain Market Future.

Kansas City, March 7.—CORN—May $1.27.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, March 7.—CATTLE—Receipts 5,000; steers $8.00 @ $13.50; cows $7.00 @ $12.50.

HOGS—Receipts 8,000; top $17.35; bulk $17.30.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, March 7.—CATTLE — Receipts 14,000; market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 30,000; market strong; top $17.45.

St .Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, March 7.—CATTLE—Receipts 3,200; market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 7,000; market 10 higher; top $17.20.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Springs	20c
Ducks	17c
Geese	17c
Old Roosters	12c
Hides, per lb.	8c
Eggs, per doz.	27c
Cream, per lb.	44c

URGED SEED CORN BE KEPT

Macon Man Advised Missouri Farmers Not to Sell to Other States

Macon, Mo., March 7.—That the farmers of Missouri are making a big mistake in selling their seed corn, even at the prices of from $5 to $10 a bushel, to planters in other sates, was the statement made by F. W. Merrill, addressing a large crowd of Macon county farmers and business men. Mr. Merrill insisted that in each town a laboratory for the testing of seed corn should be established and kept busy for the next two weeks. He said there never was a time when it was more important than it is now for the Missouri farmers to test their corn before planting. The farmers present pledged themselves to do this.

Files Partition Suit.

A suit for partition under a will has been filed by Anna Basford against Agnes Doran, Mary E. Drumm and T. A. Cummins, executor of the estate of Elizabeth Partridge. The land sought to be divided is located one and one-half miles from Bedison.

PERSHING TO GET WAR CROSS.

With the American Army in France, March 7.—General Pershing is to be decorated with the Cross de Guerre by Premier Clemenceau, according to information secured here today.

Attended Funeral Yesterday.

E. H. Bainum, Mr. and Mrs. O. C Hanna, W. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs Jesse Robertson of Maryville attended the funeral services of Christian Walker yesterday at Burlington Junction.

Fall Breaks Wrist.

Mrs. Richard Snyder fell yesterday morning while getting breakfast and suffered a broken wrist.

C. C. Hood and A. E. Wagner of Pickering were in Maryville yesterday.

Stop That Cold At Once

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it 24 Tablets for 25c.

At Any Drug Store

PATRONS ARE THE PATRIOTS

Customers of Some Hotels Profit Very Little by New Plan of Conservation of Food Supply.

The food administration is pleased to pieces with the New York hotels for saving more than a thousand barrels of flour a week and some 17 tons of meat a day by these wheatless-meatless occasions that are so popular now, a writer in Collier's observes. Provision dealers report a falling off in sales, and all is lovely and statistical. 'Tis a fair picture to gaze upon, but honor where honor is due! That patient hero, the hotel patron, ought to come in for a few kind words, since he pays the full price and eats the half portion.

"Save wheat—use corn"—bread is 10 cents, corn bread is 15 cents. As a transient consumer, the other noon, we paid 90 cents for a slice of beef as large as a postal card, plus one tablespoonful of creamed potatoes, plus a bit of Yorkshire pudding about the size of a watch. No doubt it was all that was good for us, but the price was more. If the widely known principles of economics are still working, we helped make meat and bread cheaper and paid as much as if we were making them dearer.

A patriot is a noble thing, but isn't it better to be one than to trim one? The hotel keepers of Manhattan are playing both sides of the game and the food administration furnishes a jazz band of statistical admiration for their efforts. These bonifaces who are shrinking the meals and swelling the prices need something all right, but not governmental encouragement. Meanwhile the hotel user can feel sure that the war has not changed his function at all—he's the paying goat now just as he used to be.

HOLD WOOL IN THIS COUNTRY

War Trade Board Takes Steps to Meet the Requirements of Both the Army and Navy.

Restrictions governing the exportation and importation of wool were tightened recently by the war trade board with a view to conserving American supplies and checking the increase in prices, which have risen 200 per cent.

No commodities containing wool will be permitted in future to leave the country, it was announced, if, in the judgment of the board, the wool is needed for the uses either of the army or the navy.

Importers before they can obtain licenses will be required to sign an agreement that they will sell no wool to persons other than manufacturers and that they will give the government an option to purchase all wool imported at a price 5 per cent less than the price that obtained for the same grade July 30, 1917.

When Nobel Cut His Finger.

The great war might be traced back to Nobel's cut finger, E. E. Slosson writes in the New York Independent. Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist—and a pacifist. One day while working in the laboratory he cut his finger, as chemists are apt to do, and again as chemists are apt to do, he dissolved some guncotton in ether alcohol and swabbed it on the wound. At this point, however, his conduct diverges from the ordinary, for instead of standing idle, impatiently waving his hand in the air to dry the film as most people, including chemists, are apt to do, he put his mind on it and it occurred to him that this sticky stuff, slowly hardening to an elastic mass, might be just the thing he was hunting as an absorbent and solidifier of nitroglycerin. So instead of throwing away the extra collodion that he had made he mixed it with nitroglycerin and found that it set to a jelly. The "blasting gelatin" thus discovered proved to be so insensitive to shock that it could be safely transported or fired from a cannon. This was the first of the high explosives that have been the chief factor in the great war.

To Remodel Japanese Army.

The return of distinguished Japanese officers who have been in Europe studying the latest military tactics on the battlefronts will be followed by army reorganization, reports the Tokyo Jiji. Under the new system one division will consist of three regiments instead of four, as now, and a force composed of two reorganized divisions will become the fighting unit of the Japanese army. Increase in the number of regiments is not contemplated, but the number of divisions will be necessarily augmented. Whether or not the new formation will be seen in the forthcoming annual maneuvers is unannounced. The military arsenal at Tokyo is preparing to build airplanes for army use, and an appropriation of $3,750,000 will be asked from the diet. The exact type of airship has not been decided.

Delight of Berlin Life.

One of the beauties of autocratic government, says the Springfield Union, is shown in the snow-removal order issued by the military authorities in Berlin, under the provisions of which every property owner is required to remove the snow not only from his sidewalk, but from the roadway as far as the center of the street, and is authorized to call on all tenants between the ages of fourteen and sixty to assist him in this work. Failure to comply with the order is punishable with a fine of not more than $375 or imprisonment for not more than a year, and the police are authorized to handle all such cases without the formality of a trial.

OLD IRON ON BATTLEFIELDS

Metals That Are Supposed to Accumulate in Great Quantities Being Salvaged and Used Again.

Considerable speculation has been going the rounds as to the amount of scrap iron and steel that is accumulating on the battlefields of Europe, and how it is to be disposed of.

American companies which regularly deal in such old material have for some time been looking forward to the harvest to be reaped from these battlefields after the war, says London Tit-Bits. These hopes have now been rather rudely shocked by observers recently returned from the front, who state that this matter is now being handled by the respective governments.

According to the systems now established in modern warfare, it is stated, a salvage corps is daily going over all the ground near the battle front exposed to fire, and is gathering all the debris discarded by the contending armies. None of the scrap is neglected, with steel worth 1 pence to 1½ pence per pound, and copper and other metals in proportion. All the metals are taken to shops in the rear, and there worked into the various munitions that a modern army uses.

All the lead that is fired is practically lost, as a bullet traveling at a velocity of 2,000 feet or more per second hurles itself so deep into any object it hits as to be lost entirely. Other metals, however, such as tangled steel from wrecked motor cars, large pieces of shells, bits of copper, pieces of aluminum, etc., are carefully collected and later turned into usable condition.

ONE MUTE STORY OF THE WAR

Sunny Nieuport on the Yser, a Little City of 4,000, Among Others Wiped Out of Existence.

Nieuport lies upon the Yser, the tidal stream that stopped the German rush for Calais, writes William Townsend Porter in the Atlantic Monthly. That June before the world went mad, the peaceful town drowsed in the sun—the pearly Belgian sun that painters love. The men went down to the sea in their fishing boats, or worked their fields; old women, their lace upon their knees, sat in a patch of shade before the door and plied their bobbins; children, with shrill sweet voices, darted about like birds; the creaking wain went to and fro piled high with the harvest.

Four thousand simple folk! Not one remains. Their houses, too, are gone. Their ancient church, their historic tower, are mounds of ruin. And still the hissing shells, hour by hour, day by day, tear down the crumbling walls, adding fresh ruin to a scene most desolate.

The people of the sun are gone. Another race inhabits there. They live in holes beneath the ground. They come not forth except to kill.

The Toll France Has Paid.

Four-fifths of the women in France wear mourning, say the correspondents, and we believe them, but we are not among those who credit reports of a France "exhausted" and "bled white," observes a war writer. French women go into mourning on the smallest provocation. Rye shops abound. Every little way in a French city one encounters the sign, "Mourning in 24 hours." When madame puts on black, no one straightway infers the demise of monsieur. Much more likely an uncle by marriage had dropped off, or perhaps some eighth cousin thrice removed. It is always possible that, for one wooden cross on a battlefield, there will be six dozen gowns at the dye shop. No one denies that the French army has suffered terrible casualties. No one feels inclined to understate them, the French least of all. But only Americans who have never lived in France will imagine that the swarms of black-clad women indicate a proportionate number of dead Poilus. The truth is, Poilus were never so plucky as today, never so efficient, and, despite heartbreaking losses, never so numerous.

Some Inducement.

Christopher Brown walked into the local recruiting station of the United States marine corps at Philadelphia, says the Troy Times, and after announcing that he was from Braintree, said he wanted to enlist. "The idea of enlisting is a good one," said the recruiting sergeant, "but what is Braintree—a breakfast food or an educational institution?" "It is a town in Massachusetts—the only town in the United States that ever produced two presidents," proudly replied Brown. "John Adams was born there, and so was John Quincy Adams. John Hancock was born there, too, as was Col. Charles G. Long, chief of staff of the marine corps. If you take me into the marine corps I may be running the thing in a year or two."

Camera Marks Airplane Hits.

The great aviation school at Toronto has devised a most ingenious scheme for training aviators in the use of the machine gun. Two apprentice flyers are sent up to fight under all the conditions of actual warfare. They make every effort to aim and fire their machine guns at each other, only in place of bullets the gun is fitted with camera lens and film. Every pull of the trigger snaps a picture. If the shot is a "hit" a picture of the "enemy" airplane appears on the film; if a miss, the film is blank. By examining the strip of film afterward it is possible to tell exactly how many hits each man made and how accurately he is "shooting."

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An Incident of Sea War.

William McFee, author of "Casuals of the Sea," tells in an English paper, Land and Water, of an attack by a submarine upon a steamer and describes this incident of the engine room before the boat was sunk: "For those three men (the officers) stood by for the better part of an hour. The stokehold was empty, the steam was dropping, and there was considerable water in the bilges, but they stood by watching the speaking tube and the blind white face of the telegraph pointing irresolutely to 'Stand By' (the orders from the bridge). And presently the strain of waiting grew oppressive, so that the chief, looking up toward the skylight, said to my friend, 'Mister, go up and see what's doing. It must be daylight now.' And he went up, and came out on deck and found himself face to face with a problem of some complexity. For the deck of the ship was deserted, and far across the dark sparkle of the sea he saw the boats crawling toward a smear of smoke on the skyline."

Training for War.

If Englishmen considered the football field as the place to win their battles, Prussians have always held that the best way to prepare for victory is by training their young officers in the hunting field, notes a writer. Since medieval times the chase, especially on the continent of Europe, has been advocated by the school of warriors. In the old days, when men were only interested in fighting, and when there weren't really enough wars to keep a healthy feudal nobleman continuously occupied and happy, warring upon wild animals was discovered to be the next best thing to warring on humans.

Officer Ignored Orders.

Early in the war when Field Marshal John French and General Joffre were straining every nerve to hold back the German advance which they did finally at the Marne a French general, so the story goes, refused to open orders sent by an officer who had been promoted over his head. The message, like the dispatch in the Franco-Prussian war, was "lost" and a division, which was left without support, was almost annihilated. The story goes that the general was ordered shot.

Marriages in England.

The war has resulted in 200,000 English people being married between August, 1914, and June, 1917, who in the ordinary course would not have married. The marriage rate for 1915 was the highest recorded, 19.4. These figures are given out by Sir Bernard Mallet, registrar general of births, deaths and marriages in England.

WOMEN SOLDIERS GOOD AS MEN, "VET" DECLARES.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Denver, Colo., Mar. 7.—That women make as good soldiers as men is the belief of Mrs. Mary A. Davis, eighty-two years old, of Denver. Mrs. Davis is a veteraness of the Civil War. She was a member of the Sixty-eighth Illinois Infantry for more than a year, posing as a man and taking part in a score of engagements against the Southern forces. Her identity was discovered when she fell on the battlefield while fighting with Sherman's marchers to the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ballenger of Burlington Junction were in Maryville today.

Misses Ella Noll and Gladys Ford have returned from Kansas City where they attended the style show.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

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For centuries GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil ("new discovery.") For 200 years they have been a standard household remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and stomach trouble, and all diseases connected with the urinary organs. The kidneys and bladder are the most important organs of the body. They are the filters, the purifiers of your blood. If the poisons which enter your system through the blood and stomach are not entirely thrown out by the kidneys and bladder, you are doomed.

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